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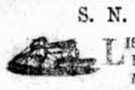

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Bombay, 9th March, 1908.

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Dated 9TH MARCH, 1908.

NOTICE.

OWING to the recent SERIOUS ACCIDENT to Rt. Wor. Bro. the Hon'ble Sir Lawrence Hugh Jenkins, K.C.I.E., the CONVERSAZIONE advertised for MONDAY the 9th instant, is unavoidably POSTPONED untill further notice.

N. ROBERTS,
D. G. Secretary.

BOMBAY, 7TH MARCH, 1908.

BOMBAY 14TH EXTRA MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH MARCH, 1908.

OWNERS are reminded that ENTRY CLOSES at 6 P.M., on TUESDAY, 10th March, 1908.

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

BOMBAY, 6TH MARCH, 1908.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that as the BOMBAY EDUCATION SOCIETY'S PRINTING PRESS at Byculla has changed hands, the SOCIETY will not be responsible for any DEBTS which may be incurred by the concern after the 29th February, 1908.

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W. B. PRESTON,
Hon'ary Secretary.
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Byculla, 5th March, 1908.

NOTICE is hereby given that our client MR GOOLAM MIYA SHAH MAHOMED, of Bombay, MAHOMEDAN INHABITANT, has contracted TO PURCHASE from Mithibai, widow of Shah Mahomed Sheroobhai, Sheroo Miya Shah Mahomed, Aishabai, daughter of Shah Mahomed, Haloomabai, daughter of Shah Mahomed, Koolsoombai, daughter of Shah Mahomed, Chanabai, widow of Hassan Shah Mahomed, Sakinabai, daughter of Hassan Shah Mahomed, Bibibai, widow of Chand Mahomed Sheroobhai, Sheroo Miya Chand Mahomed, Rasool Miya Chand Mahomed, Hossain Miya Chand Mahomed, Tajoobhoy Rajabbhoy Ahmedbhai Rajabbhoy, Masoombai, widow of Ali Mahomed Rajabbhoy, Ibrahim Ali Mahomed, a minor by his mother and natural guardian, the said Masoombai, widow of Ali Mahomed Rajabbhoy, Mahmood Ahmed and Noorbibi and Koolsoombibi, daughters of Mahmood Ahmed, the last two minors by their father and natural guardian the said Mahmood Ahmed, Rasoolbhoy Fazalbhoy, Ibrahim Rasoolbhoy, a minor by his father and natural guardian the said Rasoolbhoy, Fazalbhoy, Rasoolbibi, widow of Karim Mahomed Chand Mahomed and Hajirabai, daughter of Karim Mahomed Chand Mahomed, a minor by her mother and natural guardian, the said Rasoolbibi, widow of Karim Mahomed Chand Mahomed, all of Bombay, Mahomedan inhabitants, their shares, right, title and interest in the premises hereunder mentioned :—

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS.

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E. SCARPA,
Agent-General, Austrian Lloyd's S. N. Co.

A HIGH SPEED DEMONSTRATION on ROYAL BAR-LOCK TYPEWRITER will be given by Mr. CARR-HILL from London, THIS WEDNESDAY, at 5-30 P.M. on the premises of the Sole Agents, the GLOBE ELECTRIC and MOTOR CO., opposite Marine Lines Station. All typists are cordially invited.

NOTICE OF ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

THE CENTURY SPINNING and MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the shareholders of the Century Spinning and Manufacturing Company, Limited, will be held at the registered office of the Company at "Bella Vista," Cumballa Hill, on TUESDAY, the 17th March, 1908, at 10-30 A.M. (Standard Time), for the transaction of the following business :—

1. To adopt the Directors' Report, the audited Balance-sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 31st December, 1907.
2. To sanction the declaration of a dividend.
3. To confirm the appointment of Mr. H. R. Dank as a Director in place of Mr. Geo. McKenzie resigned.
4. To appoint Directors in place of those who retire from office but are eligible for re-election.
5. To sanction the extra remuneration of Rs. 500 paid to the Auditors for the work entailed by the new extension for the year 1907.
6. To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.
7. To transact such other business as may be brought forward by the Directors.

By Order of the Board,
C. N. WADIA & CO.,
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NOTICE is also given that the TRANSFER-BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from 8th to 17th March, 1908, both days inclusive.

Bombay, 20th February, 1908

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

THE CENTURY SPINNING and MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the shareholders of the Century Sping. and Mfg. Co., Ltd., will be held at the Company's registered Office at "Bella Vista," Cumballa Hill, on TUESDAY the 17th day of March, 1908, at 10-45 A.M. (Standard Time), to transact the business intimated to the shareholders by Circular.

By Order of the Board,
C. N. WADIA & CO.,
AGENTS,
The Century Spinr. & Mfg. Coy., Ltd.

"Bella Vista" Offices, Cumballa Hill,
Bombay, 24th February, 1908.

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

THE CENTURY SPINNING and MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINAY GENERAL MEETING of the shareholders of the Century Spinning and Manufacturing Company, Limited, will be held at the company's registered Office at "Bella Vista," Cumballa Hill, on TUESDAY the 17th day of March, 1908, at 10-50 A.M. (S.T.), to transact the business intimated to the shareholders by Circular.

By Order of the Board,
C. N. WADIA & CO.,
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And notice is hereby given that the Undersigned will, from the 4th day of November, 1907, (Savant 1964), carry on his said business under the name and style of SAKERLAL GIRJASHANKER DESAI on his own account.—Dated this 5th day of March, 1908.

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON MARKETS

LONDON, MARCH 6. | BOMBAY, MARCH 7

FINANCIAL.

		Rates.	Price.	Mvmt.
2½ per cent.	Consols	m tilated		
3 do.	Rentes	mutil ted		
3½ do.	Sterling Loan	101 1/4		1-4
3½ do.	Govt. Securities	63 5/8		unchg
*Bar Silver in London		25 /16		1-8
Do.	do. 2 months' hence	25 11/16		1/8
Do.	in New York	55 3/8		1/4
Exchange on London at Paris		mutilated		
Do.	do do. Berlin.	mutilated		
Do.	do. do. New York.	4 86 1/4		1/4
Discount Bank of England Rate.		3 1/2		since 5 inst
Do.	Short London Bills.	3		un chgd
	3 months' sight			
Do.	Indian Bank Bills.			
Do.	6 months' sight	2 7/8		un chgd
Do.	3 Months' Fine Trade Bills	3 1/2		un chgd
Do.	6 Months' Fine Trade Bills	3 5/8		un chgd
Interest Day-to-day Loans		3 1/4		un chgd
Do. 7-day Market Loans		3 1/4		un chgd

Amount paid into the Bank of England, £175,000
Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate) 1s. 3 3/4 unchgd.
Bills on Calcutta ...Rs. 40,000 at 1s. 3 29/32d
*Closing tone of Silver:—Rise caused by speculative buying orders.

SPECIE SHIPMENTS.

Silver to Bombay	...	£ 10,000
Gold to Bombay	...	£ 70,000
Silver to Calcutta	...	£ 1,000
Gold to Calcutta	...	£ 30,000

COTTON.

Liverpool :—

Spots ...	Easier with good business done.
Futures ...	Steady.
East Indian ...	Quiet
Manchester ...	Dull
Total Sales ...	10,000 bales
Sold on Speculation and for Export...	1,000 "
Imports... ...	5,000 "
Mid-Americans...	6 04—06
Egyptian F.G.F. Brown ...	3 5/16 unchgd.

Future Delivery prices :

Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.	May-June.	June-July.
5 62	5 65	5 67	5 65
—03	—02	—01	—01

July-Aug. Aug.-Sept. Sept.-Oct. Oct. Nov. Nov.-Dec.
5 62 ....
—02

New York :—

Receipts at U. S. Ports ...	16,000 bales
Do. do. last year ...	31,000 "
Exports to Great Britain ...	2,000 "
Do. to Continent ...	10,000 "
Spot Cotton—11 2-10	

Futures—Month of May, 10 62—12 Declined owing to weak cables and to bulls unloading.

Do. Do. July 10 38 -11

New Orleans :—

Spot cotton—11 1/4—1/16
Futures—Month of May 10 59—07
Do do July 1 51 -09
Closing tone of futures—Quiet.
Cotton Stock in London ... ... 11,320 bales
Week's receipts of Cotton at U. S. Ports ... 1 000
Do. Exports to Great Britain ... 2,000
Do. do. to France and Continent ... 66 000
Stock of Cotton at U. S. Ports ... 644,000
Do. do. at interior Ports ... 4,97,000

ADDITIONAL QUOTATIONS

Good Madras Westerns C.I.F.—4 1/2 d. New Crop.
F. G. F. Tinnevelly.—C.I.F.—Liverpool 5 1 32d.
Months—April-May sailer.
Coconada Ginned —C.I.F.—4 1/16d. New Crop.

SEEDS

Rapeseed —
Yellow Cawnpore, per 416 lbs. 85 p. c. ex-ship 57 1/4
April-May H. A. and D.—Sellers—anil.
Brown Cawnpore 52 3/4 April-May—Antwerp—sellers—Canal.
Linseed :-
Bombay, per 416 lbs. ex-ship.—15 April-May—Dunkirk—Value—Canal.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coffee :—
In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality), 6 3/16—unchgd.
Metals :—
Copper Braziers ... ... £ 73
Yellow Metal ... ... d. 6 1/2
Bar Iron :—
Belgian Ordinary Sizes F. O. B., Antwerp £ 5 0 0
Iron Corrugated Sheets 24 gauge G. O. B. £ 7 F. O. B. Liverpool £ 12 10 0
Basic Steel Bars C. I. F. India £ 5 12 6

IMPORTS OF TREASURE

Packages.	Value	From	Vessel.	Importer
	Rs.			
1 Box Gold Bullions	78,400	London	Peninsular	Mercantile Bank
3 Boxes Gold Bullions Sovereigns	48,000	do	do	Hongkong Bank
74 Bars Silver	1,48,017			
102 Bars Silver	2,67,787	do	do	International Bank
1 Box Gold Bullions	76,800	do	do	Comptoir National
2 Boxes Gold Bullions	1,53,600	do	do	Chartered Bank
110 Bars Silver	2,39,883			
15 Bars Silver	34,567	do	do	Towner & Co
43 Bars Silver	76,901	do	do	Bank of Bombay
204 Bars Silver	5,90,619	do	do	National Bank
21 Bars Silver	38,552	do	do	Yokohama Bank
Bundle Rs	2,000	Muscat	Bullimba	M R Jaffer
1 Bundle Sovs	99			
Rupees	1,000	C Mandvie	Dhanu	M Mackenzie and Co
1 Bundle Sov	15			
Rupees	403	Dwarka		
4 Bundles Sovs	2,850			
Gold Coins	5,800	Jedda	Majidi	Sundry Importers
Rupees	600			
3 Parcels Silver	40	Aden	Persia	Honekong Bk

BOMBAY MARKETS.

SATURDAY EVENING. | 7TH MARCH, 1908.

FINANCIAL.

Money :-
Borrowers for two months at 5½ per cent. per annum.

Exchange :-
The market opened steady to-day at 1s. 3 29/32d. T. T. and 1s. 3 15/16d. on demand, the former rate being available until the end of May delivery. There has, however, only been a trifling enquiry. Bills are still very scarce and one or two Banks were willing to buy at 1s. 4 3/32d. 3 months' sight for the next two mails, but for later delivery 1s. 4d. was the best rate obtainable for Credits. Easier discounts in London enable Banks to bid higher for bills. Far Eastern rates are steady.

We quote :—

T. T. on London ...	1s. 3 29/32d.
Demand Draft ...	1s. 3 15/16d.
Credits—3 months' sight ...	1s. 4 1/32d. to 3/32
Do. 6 months' sight	1s. 4 1-4d.
Do. 4 months' sight—France	169
Do. 3 months' sight—Marks	123
Hongkong—60 days sight	139 3/4
Yokohama—60 days sight	151
Shanghai—30 days' sight	197

Government Paper
Dated to-day at 95 13/16d. ready and 96 1/16 for the Settlement and closes unchanged. A small business has been reported. Calcutta market is advised slightly firmer at 5/4 ready and 96 1/16 for delivery forward in a month.

We quote :—

Cash ...	...	...	Rs. 95-13
1st Settlement...	...	...	" 96-1

Bullion :
Bar silver in London, on Friday, closed ½ up at 25 9/16 ready and 25 11/16 for delivery forward in two months; New York being up ¼ at 55 3/8. Locally the market has been quiter and in the absence of buyers quotations close 3/16 down since the morning. Quotations for ready and forward delivery are given below. Bar gold is steady.

We quote :—

			Rs.	a.	p
Sovereigns	...	...	24	6	0
Australian Bar Gold	...	...	24	5	0
Bombay Bar Gold	...	...	24	3	0
English Sovereigns	...	...	15	3	0
English Dragon Sovereigns	...	...	15	2	0
Silver as Duty—Ready	...	...	66	8	0
Ditto 1st Settlement		...	66	0	0
Ditto 2nd Settlement		...	65	14	0

COTTON.

Market Report :
The market opened quiet but steady with little or no change in rates Oomras are easier and shippers are offering to sell for forward delivery, but there is not much demand. Broach and Bengals are steady with some business doing.

For ready cotton demand continues on very limited lines and as there is some pressure by holders to reduce stocks, prices are somewhat easier.

	Rs.	Delivery.
Fine M. G. Broach ...	277	March
Good M. G. Broach ...	267	"
Fine M. G. Nagpur Kampti	222	"
Fine M. G. Damangaum Pulgaon	214	"
Fine M. G. Khangaum Akola	212/13	"
Fine M. G. Amraoti ...	212/13	"
Fine M. G. Muttia ...	202	"
F. G. M. G. Khandeish ...	199	"
Fine M. G. Khandeish ...	203/4	"
Fine M. G. Bengals ...	188	"
F. G. H. G. Bengals ...	193	May
Fine Dhowras ger ...	179/70	March
Good Westerns ...	231	May
Good Sin Ginned Dharwar ...	251	"

Liverpool Opener :—
Futures ... ... Easier.
Estimated Sales ... ... 5,000 bales.
Total Imports ... ... 16,000 "

Future Delivery Prices :—

M.	A. M.	J.-J.	J.-A.
5 53	5 60	5 62	5 60	5 58
—04				—04
		—05		

A.-S.	S.-O.	O.-N.	N.-D.
5 50	5 43	5 36	5 33

MISCELLANEOUS.

Linseed :
The market is steadier, but the advance in prices is checking business. We quote :—

Ready ...	...	Rs. 8 1 0	B. T.
April-May ...	...	" 8 9 0	R. T.

Rapeseed :—
The market is quiet and rates are slightly easier.

We quote :—

Brown Cawnpore, Apl.-May	Rs. 9 7 6	R. T.
Yellow Gingellyseed	" 10 1 0	B. T.

Gingellyseed :—
The market is quiet but steady with little doing.

We quote :—

Gold White...	... 85 per cent. Rs.	56 8 0
Muggy ...	... "	53 0 0
Yellow Hingunghat	... "	56 0 0

Poppyseed :— ... Rs. 10 14 0

Tone—Quiet

Castorseed :—

Ready ...	...	Rs. 31 0 0
April-May ...	...	" 31 12 0

Tone—Steady.

Cottonseed :— Rs. 24 8 0

Tone—Steady.

Mowraseed :— Rs. 5 4 0

Tone—Quiet.

Groundnuts— Rs. 44 0 0

Tone—Steadier.

Wheat :
White Delhi, Apl.-May ... Rs. 5 14 0 R. T.
Tone—Quiet.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Banks :

Bombay ...	...	...	1,377 1/2
India ...	...	...	59 1/2 X. D
Indian Specie Bank	...	...	50 3/4 X. D.

Mills :—

D ...	...	...	388 1/4
Empress ...	...	...	865
Kohinoor ...	...	...	730
Swadeshi Cotton ...	...	...	3,285 April.

Miscellaneous :

Bombay Fire & Co. ...	...	...	1,9
Central India Mining ...			420
Colaba Land and Mill Co. ...			1,002 1/2
Marks and Co, ...	...	...	130

Railway :—

Ahmedabad-Prantej ...	...	...	565
Amritsar-Patti ...	...	...	115
Tapti-Valley ...	...	...	427 1/2

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m. yesterday :—

Cotton ...	...	...	...	11,026 bales
Wheat ...	...	...	...	1 4 1 cwts.
Linseed ...	...	...	...	760 "
Rapeseed ...	...	...	...	411 "
Gingellyseed	...	...	...	3,543 "
Poppyseed	...	...	...	nil
Groundnuts	...	...	...	432 "
Castorseed	...	...	...	5,790 "
Rice ...	...	...	...	18,002 "
Myrabolams	...	...	...	3,589 "
Cottonseed	...	...	...	9,932 "
Mowrasseed	...	...	...	702 "
G ...	...	...	...	954
Joowar ...	...	...	...	2,066 "
Maize ...	...	...	...	nil "

LONDON MARKETS

LONDON, MARCH 7.] [BOMBAY, MARCH 8.

FINANCIAL.

		Rates.	Pins.	Mvmt.
2½ per cent.	Consols	87 7/16	1/16	*
3 do.	Rentes	97 3/4	un	chgd †
3½ do.	Sterling Loan	101 1/4	un	chgd
3¼ do.	Govt Securities	63 5/8	un	chgd
*Bar Silver in London		25 5/8	1/16	
Do.	do. 2 months' hence	25 3/4	1/16	
Do.	in New York	55 1/2	1/8	un chgd a
Exchange on London at Paris		25-18 1/2	3/4	
Do.	do. do. Berlin	20 47	1/8	
Do.	do. do. New York	4 86 3/8		
Discount Bank of England Rate		3½ p.c.	since 5 Mar.	
Discount Short London Bills.				
	3 months' sight	3	un	chgd
Do.	Indian Bank Bills. 6 months' sight	2 7/8	un	chgd
Do.	3 Months' Fine Trade Bills	3 1/2	un	chgd
Do.	6 Months' Fine Trade Bills	3 5/8	un	chgd
Interest Day-to-day Loans		3 1/4	un	chgd
Do. 7-day Market Loans		3 1/4	un	chgd

4th	6th	
*87-¼	87 3-8	
97 3-4	97 3-4	
5th	6th	
25-18	25-18 1-2	
20-46 1-2	20-46 1-4	

Exchange on India 30 days sight (Bank's buying rate)... 1s. 3 3/4d.

COTTON.

Liverpool :-

Spots ...	Easier with moderate business.
Futures	Steady.
East Indian	Quiet.
Manchester	Dull
Total Sales	5,000 bales.
Sold on Speculation and for Export...	200 "
Imports	13,000 "
Mid-Americans ...	6 00—04
Egyptian F.G.F. Brown ...	3 5/16 ungd.

Future Delivery Prices :-

Mar.-Apl	Apl.-May.	May-June.	June-July.	July-Aug.
5 58	5 60	5 62	5 60	5 57
—04	—05	—05	—05	—05

Aug.-Sept. Spt.-Oct. Oct-Nov. Nov.-Dec.
Mutilated.

New York :-

Receipts at U. S. Ports ...	30,000	bales.
Do. do. last year...	39,000	"
Exports to Great Britain ...	10,000	"
Do. to Continent ...	36,000	"
Spot Cotton—11 25 ungd		

Futures—Month of May 10 61—01 } Advanced early owing to bull Support and Shorts Covering and declined later owing to official weather reports considered favourable.
Do. do. July. 10 36—01 }

New Orleans :-

Spot Cotton—11 1/8—1/8		
Futures—Month of May	10 66+07	
Do. do. July	10 57+06	
Closing Tone of Futures.—Steady.		
Cotton Total *Visible Supply*	3,990,000	bales.
" " " East Indian	224,000	"
" Quantity in Sight	9,360,000	"

LIVERPOOL WEEKLY COTTON REPORT.

Total Week's Sales	54,000	bales
" Sold on Speculation	2,000	"
" Sold for Exportation	3,000	"
" Amounts forwarded to Consumers	77,000	"
" Actual Exports	10,000	"
" Week's Imports	91,000	"
" Stock	1,128,000	"
Surat's Week's Sales	700	"
" Sold on Speculation	.....	
" Sold for Exportation	100	"
" Amount forwarded to Consumers	900	"
" Actual Exports	.....	
" Week's Imports	2,000	"
" Stocks	15,000	"
Afloat Americans	1,70,000	"
" Indian	6,000	"

WHEAT.

Tone of Wheat—Dull.

SEEDS.

Rapeseed :-
Tone of Rapeseed—Quiet but steady.
Linseed :-
Tone of Linseed—Quiet.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coffee :-
In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality) 6 3/16 unged.
Sugar :-
German granulated sugar, double bags, C. and F India 13s 1 1-2d.
Months of Shipment.—May—August—Value.
Tone of Sugar—Firm.

THE MADRAS MARKET.

Banks.

Bank of Madras...	...	...	1,100
Bangalore Bank...	...	*Sellers*	120
Commercial Bank	...	...	19
Do. 6 per cent. Cum. Pref	...		65

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Do. do. 31st Dec.	...	1,100
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Do. 6 per cent. Deb. 1913	...	1,000
Coimbatore Spinning & Weaving	...	145
Coral	...	170
Jamalamudugu Press ...	...	400
Madras United S. W. & M.	...	2,800
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Mysore Spinning & Manufacturing	...	*nom.* 200
Tinnevelly	...	500
Tadpatri Press (Ord.) ...	...	550
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Miscellaneous.

Arbuthnot's Industrials 6 p. c. Cum. Pref.		40
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Ditto ditto 4 o/o Loan (1918)	*Sellers*	98
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Do. 6 per cent. Cum. Pref ...	...	100
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Do. 6 per cent. Cum. Pref.	*Sellers*	100
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HUDLESTON—February 22, at Notting Hill, London, the wife of A. J. Hudleston of a daughter.

DEATH.

GLADE—March 4, at Bournemouth, Esther, the wife of D. H. Glade.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

MOLONEY—February 29, at Lahore Cantonments, the wife of H. Moloney, Adjutant-General's Division, Simla, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

FERNANDES—GODBER—March 3, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Bangalore, by the Rev. A. M. Tabard, M. A., assisted by the Rev. J. Mascarenhas, Dr. Alexander S. Fernandes, M. D., M. R. C. P. E., to Hannah Blanche, youngest daughter of the late Surgeon-Major Henry Godber, of Rangoon, and of Mrs. Godber of Bangalore.

DEATH.

CHURCHER—February 18, at this residence at Fatehgarh, U. P. David Greig Churcher.

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Municipal Corporation, 3-39 p. m.
Decentralisation Commission, Secretariat.
Gaiety Theatre, Musical Comedy Company, 9-30 p. m.
Royal Bombay Yacht Club Regatta.
Skating Rink, Esplanade, 9-30 p.m.
The Royal Bioscope, Esplanade, 7 p.m. and 9-30 p. m.
Bombay Art Society's Exhibition, Town Hall, 8-30 a. m to 8 p.m.

PHASES OF THE MOON.—Mar. 10th, First Quarter, 3h. 12m. a.m.; Mar. 18th, Full Moon, 7h. 58m. a.m.; Mar. 25th, Last Quarter, 6h. 1m. p.m.; Mar. 1st, in Perigee, 6h. a.m.; Mar 13th, in Apogee, 9h. a.m. Mar. 29th, in Perigee, 8h. a.m.

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR.

Tuesday, March 10.—Chamber of Commerce, balloting for a representative Improvement Trustee, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Decentralisation Commission Secretariat, Gaiety Theatre, Musical Comedy Company. 9-30 p.m. Sun rises 6h. 52m; Sun sets 6h. 47m. High water, 4-6m., 6 9a.; Low water, 10 33m.

Wednesday, March 11.—Municipal Standing Committee, 4-9 p.m. Chamber of Commerce balloting for a representative Improvement Trustee, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. New City of Bombay Manufacturing Company, annual meeting, 42-48 Church Gate Street, 4-15 p.m. The Phœnix Mills, 49 51 Apollo Street, 2-30 p.m. Textile Manufacturing Company, "Bella Vista," Cumballa Hill, 10 a.m. Gaiety Theatre, Musical Comedy Company, 9-30 p.m. Sun rises, 6h. 51m Sun sets, 6h. 48m High water, 4-50m., 8-8a. Low water, 0-1m., 11-47a.

Thursday, March 12.—Organ Recital, St. Andrew's Church, 6-30 p.m. Sun rises, 6h 50m. Sun sets, 6h. 48m. High water, 6 42m., 9-18a. Low water, 2-8m., 1-15a.

Friday, March 13.—Sun rises 6h. 49m.; Sun sets, 6h. 48m. High water, 8-33m., 10-1a. Low water, 3-17m., 2-25a.

Saturday, March 14.—Bombay Extra Races. Royal Bombay Yacht Club Races. Sun rises, 6h. 49m.; Sun sets. 6h. 48m High water 9-32m., 10-33a. Low water, 3-56m., 3-19a.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Ceylon, Singapore, China and Japan, per s.s. "Wakamiya Maru," will be closed at the General Post Office at 3 p.m., on the 11th instant. Parcel mail for Japan close at 2-30 p.m., the same day.

SHETH JAMNADAS JIVANDAS CHARITABLE DISPENSARY PORBUNDAR.—During the month of February 1908 the number of patients that were treated in this Dispensary was 2,136, classified as below:—Hindoos 1,820, Mussulman 308, Parsee 2, Other castes 6. The average daily attendance was 74. The number of new admissions was 837.

THE LATE MR. R. S. BHAGWAT.—A movement has been set on foot by the pupils and admirers of the late Mr Rajaram Shastri Bhagwat, Professor of Sanskrit at the St. Xavier's College, to perpetuate his memory by way of a College endowment. A committee has been appointed with Messrs. N. S. Takakhav and S. R. Dharadhar as Hon. Secretaries and Treasurers, to whom subscriptions may be sent by those sympathising with the movement.

ALL-INDIA HOSPITAL ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION.—The regular monthly meeting of the All-India Hospital Assistants' Association was held yesterday at the Northcote Hospital. About 20 members were present and papers on "Surgical Operations," "Stone in the Bladder," "Epithelioma," "Lipoma," "Foreign Body in the Abdomen," "Rheinoplasty," and "Operations on the Eyelids for Entropion and Ectropion" were read before the meeting.

ALLEGED FATAL ASSAULT.—Mr. G. F. Chalk the Coroner of Bombay opened an inquest on Saturday touching the death of Krishna Nanu Bhoga, (30), a Goorawalla, residing in Cawasji Patel Tank Road. The deceased left his room on Friday evening and shortly afterwards his wife Rani Bai received information that he was lying unconscious in a stable in Withalwadi. She hastened to the spot and was told that he was assaulted. He was taken to the G. T. Hospital where he died some time after admission. The wife of the deceased in her evidence before the Coroner stated that there was ill-feeling between the deceased and one of their villagemen named Ranji Babaji. The latter had held out a threat that he would kill him. When her husband left the room on Friday evening he had told her that he was going to see Ranji Further inquiry was adjourned.

BOMBAY COMMERCIAL GYMKHANA.—A Concert was held on Saturday night in the Pavilion of the Bombay Commercial Gymkhana. There were about 200 members and friends present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The programme included songs by Miss Hunter, Madame Schultz and Miss Short, all of whom were heartily encored, Miss Hunter's rendering of the "Scent of the Almond Blossoms" being very highly appreciated. Mr. T. G. Thomas and Mr. C. F. Hill sang in their well known style, Mr. Hill being recalled after singing "Simon the Cellarer." The programme also included a Duet by Messrs. Tweddle and Clarke, and a Quartet by these gentleman in company with the Misses Hunter. The humorous element was provided by Mr. D. Sanderson, Mr. A Smith and Mr. P. Valentine. A pleasant change was made in the programme by Mr. F. L. Massey who performed a clever card trick which was very interesting and amusing. At the close of the Concert Mr. C. B. Robinson, who presided, called for a vote of thanks to Mr. Valentine and the members of the Committee for the very pleasant evening entertainment which had been provided.

TYPEWRITING DEMONSTRATION.—We are informed that Mr. Carr-Hill from London, one of the shorthand writing staff attached to the Royal Commission on Decentralisation, has consented to give a demonstration of high speed in typewriting and other matters in connection with the twin professions. Mr. Carr-Hill is demonstrating on Wednesday the 11th instant, 5-30 P.M., on the premises of the Globe Electric and Motor Company, 159 Queen's Road, directly opposite Marine Lines Station, who are Sole Agents for the Royal Bar-Lock Machine. Those who are interested in typewriting, whether as operators or as employers, requiring time to be saved, should take the opportunity of seeing what can be done by every operator provided he has right machine to turn the work out. The machine which will be used is the Royal Bar-lock Typewriter and Mr. Carr-Hill's record in Calcutta when he used this machine will be, we feel sure, exceeded in Bombay. The figure then, as recorded in the "Statesman" the "Empire" and other papers, was 128 words per minute. It may be mentioned as a fact that Mr. Walpole, the official shorthand writer of the Royal Commission, dictated to Mr. Carr-Hill from the notes which Mr. Walpole had taken the same day of the proceedings of the Commission. For our own part we think we shall have to record that Mr. Carr-Hill wrote on the Type writer in Bombay: Well, we shall see

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COAST DEFENCE ORGANISATION.

THERE was a time when the military defences of the English coast were entrusted to a brigade of gunners who had served in Horse, Field or Garrison batteries until they could serve no longer, which were officered by ex-quartermasters and sergeants-major who had been promoted for long service and good conduct. It was doubtful if the Coast Brigade could ever have aspired to do more than keep old muzzle-loaders clean and the sea-side batteries in good order. So with a sense of the necessity for providing adequate ordnance for these forts came the truth that the old Coast Brigade must be annihilated. And it was. The duty of manning the forts fell to the Garrison Artillery and all seemed to be well. But a Garrison Artillery Officer, Captain A. E. C. Myers, has just written a booklet whose object is to show that the present coast defence organisation is a wasteful one and that instead of entrusting the coast defences to a self-contained Coast Defence Corps, as is done in the United States of America, we have various regiments and departments co-operating and overlapping each other, with no strict dividing line with the result that the efficiency of our coast defences is endangered. It also purports to show that, with the present system, we could not produce an offensive coast defence force, that is a body of troops capable of, at a moment's notice, putting into a state of defence a base seized by the Navy for some purpose, and that instead of such a force, a heterogeneous collection of units from different regiments and departments would be dumped down and asked to co-operate. Captain Myers argues that if a genuine self-contained Coast Defence Corps is to be really efficient there will be so much to do that it must specialise in coast defence. Thus the first step must be to divide it from the Mountain, Heavy and Siege Artillery. It is not inconceivable why the Mountain Artillery is not a branch of the Field Artillery. It belongs to the field army, fires over land ranges and never sees the sea. The same thing may be said of the Heavy Artillery and more or less of the Siege. What is wanted is to have officers working on coast defence, whose business is coast defence, and not officers passing through from other branches. Captain Myers denies that a mountain gunner can learn his coast-defence work in three months. He might learn the drill of a big gun and the interior economy of a garrison artillery company, but he could not become an efficient coast defence officer in that time or anything like it.

To be an efficient coast defence officer in the present day it is necessary that he should be specially trained, that he should be a specialist in either electricity for the purpose of electric lighting and communication or machinery for the purpose of dealing with the modern gun and mounting. Captain Myers would have the garrison gunner start at the Academy to acquire a general knowledge of both his special subjects. After obtaining his commission, in addition to the short course at Shoeburyness, he would have him get his searchlight knowledge at Chatham, as a Royal Engineer does, or let him get his machinery knowledge at the Ordnance College. These courses, it is foreseen, would add to the cost of the officer's education, but on the other hand "he would be capable of doing his work—his own work—which other people are trained to do at present so that far from there being any extra cost, there would be economy. The result would be officers really capable of doing anything in connection with coast defence." There is much to be said in support of Captain Myers' suggestion, for it is plain to be seen that the effect of this special training would be to produce a self-contained Coast Defence Corps capable by itself, without any help or co-operation with other units of not only defending fortresses and harbours at home, but also capable of providing at a moment's notice, a garrison trained and accustomed to such work, for the purpose of taking possession of and at once putting into a state of defence any harbour or base seized by the Navy. Having this ideal Coast Defence Corps Captain Myers would make use of the partially trained troops by employing them in all those positions where skill is not necessary, and not, as is the present custom, using them to man whole batteries by themselves. The writer admits that there are two alternative remedies for the existing state of things—the first to provide, plentifully, inspectors of ordnance machinery, artificers, master gunners, range-finding and other specialists for every work, and two or three Royal Garrison Artillery Officers per district, and then to let the whole of the remainder of the garrison be partially trained troops. The second method is so to alter the training of Royal Garrison Artillery Officers as to specialise the Royal Garrison Artillery in coast defence and so provide a self-contained Coast Defence Corps, which shall really run the defences of a coast fortress, setting free the Royal Engineers and Army Ordnance Department, for other duties, the partially trained troops being used to supplement the Garrison Artillery.

By the former method it is held that the Royal Garrison Artillery at home would be trained for other purposes than manning coast defences, namely, for reinforcing the artillery of the field army. At the same time, observes Captain Myers, if it is the intention to utilise the Royal Garrison Artillery for other purposes than coast defence, then, difficult though it may be, the manner in which they are to be used should be laid down. At present the greatest doubt exists in the regiment on the point and it is impossible to maintain the necessary enthusiasm for field work, staff rides, musketry etc., when the chances of making use of such knowledge are so uncertain and slender. By the second method the maximum of effect would be obtained from the coast artillery guns and thus make our fortresses and harbours safer, and at the same time to provide an offensive coast defence force which would be able in the shortest space of time to fortify and defend any harbour required in war. To the suggestion that the defence of the coast stations should be left to the Navy, as was at one time strenuously advocated, Captain Myers replies that the navy has not got the men to spare. Judging by past wars, all the personnel of the navy would soon be swallowed up and, as the reserves of the navy are small, it is certainly advisable that wherever the army can relieve the navy the better. It may be argued, he anticipates, that there will also be no men to spare from the Royal Garrison Artillery and Royal Engineers, at the present rate of reduction there will not, but the defence of a base suddenly seized must be more important than manning moveable armaments at home and there will any way be the territorial army to fall back upon for home defence. Then again the navy have neither guns nor lights to spare. Unless they disarm a ship they can only put on shore a couple of short 12-pounders on wheels—quite unsuitable weapons for the work required of them. Furthermore, it is not a naval man's work to man coast defences and they are not trained for it. Captain Myers' ideal scheme seems best and if it be not acceptable, at the present time, to the Army Council, it will afford ground for the discussion of the subject and, we hope, point the way to remedying the defects which disfigure the system at present in vogue.

THE LATE SIR GEORGE COUPER.

SIR GEORGE COUPER, who has just died a few weeks short of completing his eighty-fourth year, for he was born on 29th April, 1824, was the successor, in the Lieutenant-Governorship of the United Provinces, then known by the name of the North Western Provinces, of Sir John Strachey who was his senior by a few months and who died only a few weeks ago in last December. Indeed, under Sir George, the North Western Provinces really became the United Provinces though they did not receive that designation till twenty-five years later in 1903, for he was the first person who held the office of Lieutenant-Governor of these Provinces and of Chief Commissioner of Oude, both having been first amalgamated in January, 1877. Previous to that date the Chief Commissioners of the province of Oude were distinct persons from the rulers of those Provinces, and Sir George was himself such Commissioner twice before he came to hold the amalgamated post of Lieutenant-Governor in 1877. This post was the culmination of his career, for he retired from it in 1882, and has held no other posts which usually fall to men of his position in the service. He did not get a seat in the Supreme Executive Council in India, or a seat in the India Council after going home. This was probably because he was overshadowed by more brilliant contemporaries like the Strachey brothers, Sir Alfred Lyall who succeeded him in the Lieutenant-Governorship at Allahabad and especially Sir Ashley Eden, who retired from India at exactly the same time and got the seat in the India Council which he had expected. When Eden died in 1887 he lost his chance again as Sir Alfred Lyall came up from India with claims which could not be overriden. The last twenty-five years he passed in quiet retirement not taking any part or interest in current Indian topics.

Sir George came to India in 1842 as a young Baronet to which honour he had succeeded in the previous year. But he had his fair share of personal honours, for he belonged to both the Indian Orders, and was moreover a Companion of the Bath, a rather unusual honour for an Indian Civilian. He got this latter coveted honour for his share in Mutiny work. During that terrible crisis he passed through the famous siege of Lucknow and was present at several engagements during its course. He was the Aide-de-Camp and Secretary of Sir Henry Lawrence when the latter distinguished officer directed the siege in its earliest part. Young Couper was alone in a room with Sir Henry Lawrence when a shell fell there on 2nd July, 1857. Both escaped however unhurt. The next day another shell carried off Lawrence when Couper was not with him. After Lawrence's death, he acted in the same capacity of Secretary with Brigadier Inglis who succeeded him, and also with the famous hero, Outram. His conduct during the siege of Lucknow is thus briefly characterised by Colonel Malleson: "This gentleman, Mr. Couper, deserves more than passing mention. A Civilian he was ever ready to descend into the mine to visit the posts, to assist in interring the dead animals, to dig trenches, to carry stores, and to fight. He was ever cheery and buoyant." Kaye in his unfinished account of the siege refers to Couper's gallant conduct in the battle of Chinhut saying that "sinking the scribe in the soldier he had ridden in the battlefield as the Aide-de-camp of his Chief, Sir Henry Lawrence." It may be here said that Couper had come out to India in 1842 as a soldier and passed some years in the army as an ensign, before he joined the Civil Service. So the work he had to do at Lucknow in the Mutiny was not quite unknown or unusual to him. He had been educated at Sandhurst where he passed several years. Sir George Couper has himself told a part of the story of this historic siege in his admirable letter-press to Captain Mecham's "Illustrations of the Defence of Lucknow." His father was Controller of the Household to Queen Victoria's mother, the Duchess of Kent, and was made a Baronet by that Queen in 1841.

KING ALFONSO AND BARCELONA.

THERE will be genuine anxiety in all the Courts of Europe from now until the King of Spain arrives safely back in Madrid once more. Barcelona, where King Alfonso goes to-morrow, has for years been a veritable hotbed of anarchy. Most of the attempts which have been already made upon the young King's life have been planned in Barcelona. The extent to which the people of that city are steeped in revolutionary principles may be gathered from the fact that seven years ago, on the anniversary of the deposition of Queen Isabella, twenty-thousand representative Republico-Socialists gathered there from all parts of Spain with fifty banners, and sixteen choral societies and bands to sing the Riego and the Marseillaise. The famous General Prem, the Revolutionist leader, has his statue at Barcelona, and as this year sees the fortieth anniversary of the Revolution of 1868 anarchy is likely to effervesce in the town even more than usual. It is therefore impossible not to admire the young King's pluck in going to Barcelona which is known to be the headquarters of several societies, whose members have sworn to take the King's life. That they will eventually compass their diabolical end is tolerably certain. How mercilessly the Anarchists of Barcelona pursue the King may be imagined from the fact that when His Majesty went to Paris in 1903 a whole crowd of Barcellonaise were locked up to prevent them following the King to France. Seven of the most notorious narchists in the town contrived to evade the police, however; and immediately their absence was noted the Spanish detective went off to Paris where sure enough, the seven were discovered near Clichy and the whole gang were surprised at midnight and arrested. These men all boasted that they had sworn to accomplish the assassination of King Alphonso. Notwithstanding that, and all the other precautions taken, a serious attempt was made to blow up the King and the French President while they were driving in Paris two or three days later, the explosion of the bomb which was hurled at the Royal equipage injuring several persons. It may be added that to-morrow's visit to Barcelona will not be King Alphonso's introduction to the City of Nuts. Four years ago the King went to see the Labour Exhibition there—and got a bomb by way of thanks. Two innocent persons were injured, but the King escaped, as every one will sincerely pray that he will during the next few perilous days.

THE KAISER'S LETTER.

THE German Emperor has been guilty of many indiscretions but we imagine in the present instance it will be found our London contemporaries have been shrieking themselves hoarse over a canard of the very wildest wing. The communication which is to be made in the House of Lords to-day will doubtless prove the communication the Kaiser addressed to Lord Tweedmouth to have been absolutely inocuous. Meantime Mr. Asquith has informed the House of Commons that Lord Tweedmouth had received a letter from the Kaiser which was a purely personal and private communication and Lord Tweedmouth's answer was equally private and informal. Moreover the final decision regarding the Naval Estimates were taken before the Kaiser's letter arrived. Perhaps the *Times* may be right in its contention that there is no room for communications, however informal, between a foreign potentate and the First Lord of the Admiralty; but we presume it is prepared to show that the communication it refers to was connected with other than merely private affairs, or it will damage its reputation for accuracy.

H. E. THE VICEROY visits Allahabad on Sunday the 29th instant, to present new colours to the 1st. Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.

AMONG the passengers who proceeded to Europe on Saturday by the P. and Company's Mail Steamer "Caledonia" were—Lady Maude Warrender, Captain the Hon'ble H. Joicey, the Hon'ble Mrs. Wilbraham and Lady Cable.

H. M. S. "HIGHFLYER," Captain C. S. Hickley, sailed on Saturday for the Persian Gulf.

THE N. Y. K. Steamer "Kagoshima Maru" left Singapore for Colombo on the 5th inst.

MR. G. HUDDLESTON, Traffic Manager, East India Railway, who has been seriously ill at Calcutta, is now convalescent.

MR. WOOD, Member of the Railway Board, who is down with ptomaine poisoning, is also somewhat better.

THE Paperchase Cup on Saturday was won at Calcutta by Captain Holden on "Lord Harry," Dr. Forsyth, on "Corydon" was Second.

LIEUT.-COL. DUNLOP SMITH, Private Secretary to H. E. the Viceroy, will, probably, proceed Home on short leave during the summer.

THE Telegraph peons who have been on strike in Calcutta, began to apply on Friday last to be taken back, and the ordinary distribution of messages has been resumed.

AT a public meeting of Mahomedans held in the Anjuman premises, at Madras, it was resolved to hold a Muslim Provincial Conference there on the 4th, 5th and 6th of next month.

THE Government of India have now agreed to purchase the linotype machines which have been under trial in the Central Printing Press at Calcutta and are ordering more.

IT is intended to hold another meeting shortly of the Trustees of the Victoria Memorial Hall at Calcutta, at which Sir William Emerson's reply to a letter, sent some weeks ago, will be considered.

THE Appellate Court at Dinapur has confirmed, in the Lazarus assault case, the sentences passed on five of the accused, and has substituted a fine for the four months' rigorious imprisonment imposed on the sixth.

THE Calcutta Improvement Scheme is still with the Government of India, and it appears extremely uncertain as to whether orders regarding proposals made by the Bengal Government will be passed at an early date.

SIR BEAUCHAMP DUFF, it is now stated, will reach India on the 3rd April and resume his appointment of Chief of the Staff. Brigadier-General Mullaly, who has been acting for him, will proceed Home on leave for the summer.

DURING the last week in February, the rain fall in 14 districts of the United Provinces and exceeded half an inch in Basti, Gonda, Fyzabad and Sitapur. The prospects of the spring crop are described by latest reports as being good.

THE cost of the Zakka Khel Expedition is not expected to exceed twelve Lakhs of Rupees, though an exact estimate cannot yet be made. The Bill is the smallest known in connection with Frontier operations of a punitive nature.

THE fighting between our troops and the warlike Afridis brings to mind an incident of an earlier Campaign. An Officer of the British force pointed out to one of the friendly Afridis bearing arms with his men a black fellow skulking round the fort, obviously with evil intent. "I see him, sar," replied the Afridi sentry, pointing with his finger at the Afridi enemy. "I see him, sar: had two shots at him already. Him very hard to hit; him de hardest man to hit I know." "Ah, then, you know him, do you?" said the Officer. "Yes, sar, I know him—great rascal—been tryin' shoot him all de week." "Well, who is he?—What's his name?" "Oh, bery great rascal sar—he my father!"

THE Government of Madras have agreed with the Board of Revenue that in cases such as those brought to notice recently by the Collector of Bellary, where a bungalow stands in a large compound of which most of the area is non-productive, the levy of ground-rent at the minimum rate of Rs. 12-8-0 per acre is liable to result in an unduly heavy charge, and that some relaxation of the present rule is desirable. Such cases are, however, not confined to the Bellary Cantonment, and may arise in any town where houses thus situated become subject to ground-rent. The Government consider, therefore, that Collectors may be allowed discretion to impose a rate of less than Rs. 12-8-0 per acre when they consider it necessary.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

MORE SERIOUS FIGHTING IN MOROCCO.

The Balkans.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, FEBRUARY 22.

Official as well as private information received here during the past week reports that the Moors are rather increasing in boldness than otherwise. They are constantly attacking the French at various points and with such fanatical vigour as to render them very serious adversaries. Admiral Philibert's latest published despatch reports as follows:—"General d'Amade, after he had left Settat, came across a large contingent of Medraka yesterday at the Wed Tamazer. General d'Amade repelled the Medraka. The Mzab, who on the previous day had effected their submission, seconded our troops. The Medraka suffered rather heavy losses. Admiral Philbert reports that calm reigns at Mogador, as well as in the port of Saffi, which has resumed its ordinary aspect. The Admiral also announces that Colonel Taupin, after a fight of four hours on the 16th and of eight hours on the 17th, repelled Moroccan contingents which had attacked his column in the defile of Ber Rebah, 25 kilometers south-east of Fedallah. Admiral Philibert affirms that our troops were admirable. Seven times they repelled at the point of the bayonet the Moors, who rushed on our troops. In the course of this engagement we had two officers and a few men killed and three officers and 20 men wounded. The Moors suffered very important losses. Colonel Taupin returned from Fedallah on the morning of the 18th, bringing with him his dead and wounded."

It appears, in fact, from the above despatch and several previous official telegrams that the Moors are constantly turning up in strong force at points where the French do not expect them. It now looks as if they contemplated a serious attack on Casablanca, itself profiting doubtless by the absence of General d'Amade with the bulk of the French force in the direction of Settat. Another despatch from Admiral Philibert reports that three hostile Moorish tribes from the territory between Magazan and Casablanca were advancing between Settat and the sea and on 17th instant encamped at a distance of fifty kilometres to the north-west of Casablanca. According, however, to a despatch from Tangier of the 19th instant news had reached there from Casablanca that the Moors had made a furious attack on the French and driven them back to within four miles of the town. The Settat column, it is added, had been cut off by Mulai Hafid's Mehalla. It is stated that reinforcements are being landed from the French and Spanish warships for the defence of Casablanca. Comment on the extreme gravity of this news if correct, is needless. There are indications that Mulai Hafid is playing a treacherous part towards the French and that despite his reassuring representations to the French authorities he may yet create serious extra difficulties for General d'Amade.

The Spanish occupation of Mar Chica will not tend to improve the Moroccan imbroglio despite the fairly good case which the Spaniards make out for it. Semi-official statements issued at Madrid strenuously declare that the occupation is purely provisional. It became inevitable after the Maghzen had abandoned the place, thus causing the troops they had left there to take refuge at Melilla. It was also neccessary for the suppression of contraband which had become rampant. The Spanish corps of occupation at Melilla is to be raised to 7,000 men. The Spanish papers, which have never viewed with favour Spain's intervention in the Moroccan imbroglio, deplore and condemn the heavy extra cost and responsibility incurred by the occupation of Mar Chica and the large increase in the Spanish expeditionary force. Mulai Hafid has sent a circular to the Powers declaring that he wants peace and the best relations with Europe. He cherishes no hostile designs against Christians, and if he declared a holy war it would only be a political device to further his own cause. He complains of French action in favour of Abdul Aziz and protests against the massacres of the Shawia tribe. For the third time, adds the circular, Mulai Hafid appeals for the neutrality of Europe and suggests that the rival Sultans should be left to settle matters between themselves without interference. The Moorish State Bank has agreed to make an advance of £100,000 to the Moorish Government to be devoted exclusively to paying the garrisons at the Moorish ports.

THE CRITICAL STATE OF PORTUGAL.

The awful shock which King Manuel experienced on the murder of his father and brother appears to have suddenly elevated him from boyhood the man's estate, and no doubt it is felt that if political circumstances do not thwart the development of the young King's excellent qualities,—if in fact he is allowed time, he may be able to remedy some of the serious ills which oppress the Portuguese State and menace the country with ruin. The King desirous of placing himself in relations with the leaders of the Portuguese political parties has given audience to Senhor Alpoim, leader of the Dissident Liberals, a peer of the realm and a man whose political career strongly resembles that of M. Clemenceau the French Premier. Senhor Alpoim was very prominent among the opponents of Senhor Franco, the late Prime Minister and Dictator and had a leading part in forming the combination of Republican and Monarchical elements in the resistance to the Dictatorship. In conversation with a press representative he said: "You cannot have failed to notice a vast improvement in the situation. Sympathy with the young King is growing daily. As regards my interview I can only say that his Majesty impressed me by his intelligence and breadth of mind." If other party chiefs follow Senhor Alpoim's example by rallying to the support of the Monarchy and supporting the administrative and financial reforms of which the country stands so much in need, the position may be retrieved within the next few years. But with the disappearance of Senhor Franco the Progressists and Regeneradors, who for a number of years alternately divided the spoils of office and plundered their country in the most shameless manner, may again obtain power and restore the regime of corruption to which the late crisis was due. It remains to be seen, in fact, whether there is patriotism enough left among Portuguese politicians to induce them to place the good of their country above their own selfish interests. That is the question to which a reply is becoming urgent. Financially speaking nothing can be more deplorable than the present position of Portugal. For fifteen years before Senhor Franco took office there was an average annual deficit of £1,279,000 on an annual income which was nominally £3,000,000 but which in fact was nearer £10,000,000.

The Portuguese debt amounts to the enormous sum of £179,000,000 or £33 per head of the population, while the debt of England amounts only to £18-1-5 per head. Senhor Franco claimed to have reduced the annual deficit to £50,000, though this is denied by his political adversaries, but he certainly diminished by a large amount the internal funded Debt. It will be seen that financial reform requires to be undertaken with a strong and firm hand, and Senhor Franco certainly seemed to possess the requisite qualities for the work. Then there is the Herculean task of cleansing the Augean stable of corruption which the late Dictator took unflinchingly in hand, thus incurring the hatred of the sinecurists and parasites of every class who fattened on the prevalent abuses. Sound finance and honest administration are the two crying needs of Portugal, and if she does not get them her position must become desperate. The tone of the Dissident Liberal and Republican newspapers in speaking of the King is far from satisfactory. They may possibly mean well towards the young King but at the same time make themselves in a way the apologists of the assassination of King Carlos and the Crown Prince. The chief Republican organ "Mundo" declares that no Portuguese is capable of hurting the young King or his mother so long as they refrain from tyrannical action, which would doubtless include any energetic defence of law and order if threatened by Republicans or others. Then it describes the assassination of Feb. 1 as "a purely individual act" which only took place after the democrats had been illegally oppressed. Portugal, it continues, is profoundly democratic and for that reason profoundly just. The "Dia" regards these words as defining an attitude which ennobles the Republican party. Worst and most repulsive of all, there have been numerous political pilgrimages largely composed of republicans, to the graves of the regicides, while a public subscription which already amounts to £4,000, is being raised in aid of their families. This does not speak well for the popularity of monarchical institutions among certain classes of the Portuguese population.

THE POWERS AND THE BALKANS.

Very reassuring statements are now being made in Vienna to allay the unrest provoked by the action of Baron von Aehrenthal in, so to speak, the stealing a march on Russia by obtaining from the Sultan the concession for making a survey in view of the projected construction of the Novi Bazar railway. It is declared that the Austro-Russian Muerzsteg agreement concerning judicial reforms in Macedonia remains as valid as ever it was and that Austria has not abated a jot of her anxiety for the realization of those reforms. Austro-Russian relations are declared to be unaffected by the incident and in fact there is no ground whatever for any apprehensions in regard to the maintenance of the Concert of Europe. Unfortunately these assurances do not tally with the effect upon the international situation produced by the disclosure of the Austrian coup, and the most significant testimony in this direction is afforded by a statement published by the semi-official St Peterburg "Rossiya" in reply to a recent article of the semi-official "Fremdenblatt" of Vienna. The Rossiya admits the legal right of Austria Hungary to make the projected railway, and the contention that by proceeding to make it she has not "in the strict "sense of the word" violated her agreement with Russia. But it protests with emphasis against the transparently untrue assertion that this action of Austria-Hungary's has no connexion with the subject of Macedonian reforms. The agreement it remarks, binds both Powers to act harmoniously together in the cause of the Macedonian Christians, and to make every effort to realize all the aims of the Murzsteg programme Now those aims have not been all realized. The introduction of judicial reforms, which is rightly described as one of the most important of them, is actually under discussion at Contantinople, and its prospects, as the last meeting of the Ambassadors shows, have been visibly impaired by the step taken by Baron von Aehrenthal.

The concluding passages of the semi-official article are still more outspoken. We read:—

"The Austrian Press seeks to attribute the excitement among the Russian public to envy of Austria-Hungary's politico-economic success, but this is absolutely false. Russia looks for no successes or personal advantages. With full consciousness of her historic and national mission, Russia desires only a due and gradual development of the Balkan States, which owe their political existence to the efforts and sacrifices of the Russian nation during centuries. In the task of carrying out the reforms for the welfare of the Christians in Macedonia Russia has no idea of attacking the integrity or independence of Turkey. On the contrary, she seeks only a means of averting possible complications which would be dangerous for the whole of Europe. In this direction Russia has acted in the most loyal manner in common with Austria-Hungary, and is still prepared to follow this path with her as well as with all other Powers when their efforts are directed towards the same end. The near future will show to what extent each of the Powers forming the Concert of Europe is animated by such aims, and the practical direction of the Macedonian policy of Russia in the future will also become manifest."

After this it must remain pretty evident that the situation between Russia and Austria must have become slightly strained. To the Sultan the whole incident affords fresh proof of the insincerity, the unreality of the European Concert, from the moment that any one Power acting alone takes any definite step to promote its own interests in Turkey without regard to those of the other Powers. When Austria, a prominent member of the Concert asked, the Sultan for a favour without the previous knowledge and assent of all the others, he felt quite sure that he had nothing to fear from the joint action of the Powers. In that belief he has stiffened his back and it will remain stiff until the belief is dispelled. Abdul Hamid is the most astute, not to say wily diplomatist in Europe and a great adept in the art of playing off one Power against another. That is why the Irade granting the railway concession was given to Austria with such very unusual expedition. His Majesty promptly helped Austria to commit herself with the result that the Muerzsteg agreement is virtually broken, the Sultan attains his object of indefinitely postponing judicial reforms in Macedonia, distrust is sown between Austria and Russia, and the witches cauldron of "the Balkans question" is again seething. The German papers believe that England and Russia are proceeding hand in hand in this question and that their action is directed against Austria-Hungary. They regard the article of the "Rossiya" as an unreserved condemnation of the Balkan agreement and of the Muerzsteg programme. "At present," as the "Times" Vienna correspondent justly observes, "not the past, but the future, including the Novi Bazar and the contingent railway schemes, is at stake—the future of Macedonia, of the Balkan States, of the grouping of the Powers, and of the Eastern question. Austria-Hungary has weighty interests—military, economic, and political—to defend and promote, Russia has a traditional mission to fulfil."

THE FALL OF PORT ARTHUR.

The trial of the Russian Officers concerned in the loss of Port Arthur concluded on the 20th instant. General Stoessel was condemned to death but without loss of rights or of his honour. General Fock was reprimanded and Generals Reuss and Smirnoff were acquitted. Reuter's account of the proceedings says:—General Stoessel was sentenced for surrendering the fortress before all means of defending it had been exhausted, for failing to enforce his authority, and for disciplinary misdemeanour. The Court will, however, ask the Tsar to commute the sentence to ten years' imprisonment in a fortress, on the ground that Port Arthur, beset by overwhelming forces, defended itself under General Stoessel's leadership with an unexampled stubbornness that filled the whole world with astonishment at the heroic courage of its garrison, that several assaults were repulsed with tremendous losses on the part of the enemy, that General Stossel throughout the siege maintained the heroic courage of the defenders, and, finally, on the ground that he has taken an energetic part in three campaigns.

General Vodar, the President, read the judgment amidst tense silence. General Stoessel reddened, but by a great effort of self-control otherwise displayed a rigid and soldierlike impassivity. General Smirnoff, who stood with his hands in his pockets, was also seemingly unmoved, but General Reuss had fears in his eyes. General Stoessel was accompanied by his son, who is also in the army, and after the sentence was surrounded by friends and sympathizers, who kissed him and shook his hands repeatedly. He left the Court leaning on his son's shoulder.

The Court was crowded to its utmost capacity, the greater part of the available space being occupied by officers. Many were accompanied by ladies, one or two of whom fainted when the sentence was delivered. In the gallery were a number of persons who had been through the siege of Port Arthur, and these subsequently sent a collective telegram to the Tsar praying his Majesty's clemency for the condemned man.

THE RUSSIAN NAVY.

NEW PROGRAMME OF CONSTRUCTION.

The Russian Ministry of Marine has laid before the Defence Committee of the Duma three alternative naval estimates. The one favoured by the Government covers 10 years' expenditure amounting to over 2,000,000,000 roubles (£200,000,000), and provides for the expenditure this year of 87,000 000 roubles (£8,700,000), rising gradually to 250,000,000 roubles (£25,000,000) in 1914 and subsequently dropping to 170,000,000 roubles (£17,000,000) which will be the normal yearly amount of naval expenditure. The proposal further provides that the new vessels are all to be constructed in Russia.

G. D. WILLIAMS.

MR. BASANTAKUMAR BOSE, one of the two Deputy Magistrates of Howrah, who had nitric acid thrown over them recently in the Harrison Road, has now so far recovered that he was able to attend the marriage of his daughter to a nephew of Sir Romesh Chunder

THE KAISER AND THE NAVY.

LORD TWEEDMOUTH AND THE KAISER EXPLAIN.

Official Statement by Mr. Asquith.

A PURELY PRIVATE LETTER.

TOO LATE FOR THE ESTIMATES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, MARCH 6.

In the House of Commons, this evening, Mr. Asquith stated that on the 18th of February Lord Tweedmouth received a letter from the Kaiser, which was a purely personal and private communication, and that Lord Tweedmouth's answer was equally private and informal.

Neither the letter, nor the answer, was known to or communicated to the Cabinet, and in view of the reports being circulated, I may add that the final decision regarding the Estimates for the year were taken before the letter arrived. (Loud cheers.)

Prior to Mr. Asquith's statement, the Cabinet met in the House, clearly to discuss the nature of the statement.

A Berlin official statement denies that the Emperor attempted to interfere in the British naval plans. The letter merely corrected certain erroneous views prevalent in England regarding the development of the German Fleet. As the Emperor would reject any foreign attempt to decide the proportions of Germany's Fleet, so would he repudiate the idea of interfering in the affairs of the British Navy.

GENERAL PRESS OPINION.

LONDON, MARCH 6.

The Kaiser's letter to Lord Tweedmouth has caused a great sensation.

Both the British and German press consider its immediate publication desirable in order to prevent the recurrence of ill-feeling between the two countries, though it is recognized that the Kaiser's consent to its publication is essential.

The German papers do not doubt that the contents of the letter were harmless and surmise that it had reference to the Naval discussions in Great Britain, which dwelt on the German Navy to the exclusion of others.

The "Daily Chronicle" says: "The letter is an indiscretion and Lord Tweedmouth has committed an equally great indiscretion is not submitting the correspondence to his colleagues before replying."

The "Daily News" is aghast at the "Times" insinuation of the possibility of treachery.

The "Morning Post" thinks that the Government should diplomatically acquaint the Kaiser with the nature of Ministerial responsibility in Great Britain.

Mr. Arnold White, writing in the "Daily Chronicle" states that King Edward and the Foreign Office were consulted before a reply was sent.

The "Times" says: 'The common sense of the country supports us in maintaining that there is no room for communication, however informal, between a foreign potentate and the First Lord of the Admiralty."

LONDON, MARCH 7.

The "Daily Telegraph" and "Daily Mail" say that the Kaiser's letter to Lord Tweedmouth is a colloquial document, written, as one friend would write to another, after the Kaiser's visit to England when the Emperor had many pacific conversations with Lord Tweedmouth.

The papers state that the Kaiser expresses disappointment at the tone of the press and of naval criticisms, and especially at a letter by Lord Esher, published on February 6th, in which Lord Esher says that there is not a man in Germany, from the Emperor downwards, who would not welcome Sir John Fisher's downfall.

The personal tone of the Kaiser's letter makes its publication impossible, Lord Esher being characterized in a very unceremonious manner.

LONDON, MARCH 8.

To-day's "Observer" states that the Kaiser's letter suggested that Lord Esher, as Warden of Windsor, had better leave ships alone and sticks to sanitation.

FRANCE AND MOROCCO.

Reinforcements at Ainsefra.

LONDON MARCH 7.

Large reinforcements of French troops have been sent to Ainsefra, which is threatened by the concentration of the tribes in the extreme South of Morocco.

LONDON, MARCH 8.

General Bailloud, Commanding the French troops at Ainsefra, telegraphs that a force of Moors, consisting of about 4,000 men, is collecting on the the Algerian Frontier in favour of the cause of Mulai Hafid.

GALE IN THE IRISH CHANNEL.

Many Wrecks

LONDON, MARCH 7.

A gale has been raging on the Welsh and Irish coasts and several wrecks are reported.

The ship "Henry" foundered with all hands off Drogheda.

P. AND O. STEAMER ASHORE.

S. S. "Mangolia" Leaves Marseilles.

LONDON, MARCH 7.

The P. and O. steamer "Palermo" went ashore near Calais but was towed off and proceeded to Dunkirk.

LONDON, MARCH 8.

The P. and O. s.s. "Mongolia" sailed from Marseilles last evening.

A CORRESPONDENT writes expressing regret that the medical fraternity of the Tanjore District did not address H. E. the Governor during his recent tour with reference to the great prevalence in the District of elephantiasis or "Barbados leg," and suggest that a Commission of medical men should be formed to investigate and report on the causation and possible cure for the disease. We understand that an American Doctor is now in Madras making enquiries into this and other tropical diseases.

THE KING'S TOUR.

Official and Social Visits in Paris.

ARRIVAL AT BARRITZ.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, MARCH 6.

The King is breaking his journey in Paris, and to-day M. Clemenceau and M. Pichon lunched with His Majesty, who afterwards exchanged visits with M. Fallieres, and visited the Studio of M. Robin, the sculptor.

LONDON, MARCH 7.

King Edward has left Paris for Biarritz.

LONDON, MARCH 8.

King Edward has arrived at Biarritz.

JAPAN AND INDIA.

Count Okuma on British Benefits.

LONDON, MARCH 7.

A telegram to the "Times" from Tokio states that Count Okuma, speaking at a meeting of the Indo-Japanese Society, declared himself to be a worshipper of England. He considered that India ought to be profoundly thankful that she was ruled by such a Power.

Japan, he said, must seek access to Indian markets for the purpose of redressing the balance of trade.

THE ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

Return of the "Nimrod."

EARLY DIFFICULTIES.

LONDON, MARCH 7.

Lieutenant Shackleton's ship the "Nimrod" belonging to the British Antarctic Expedition which left Lyttelton on January 1st, has returned to Christ Church, New Zealand.

Lieutenant Shackleton remains encamped at the foot of Mount Erebus.

Letters from Lieutenant Shackleton describe a boisterous voyage in his small craft, and a terrible blizzard in the pack-ice when hailstones as large as potatoes fell. The crew who were landing stores at the time narrowly escaped destruction.

JAPANESE ULTIMATUM TO CHINA.

The "Tatsumaru" Case.

INDEMNITY DEMANDED.

LONDON, MARCH 7.

A despatch from Peking states that Japan has sent an ultimatum to China regarding the seizure of the steamer "Tatsumaru" in which the restoration of the steamer and cargo is demanded besides the payment of a full indemnity within a reasonable time.

In the event of default or postponement Japan will take immediate action.

ACCIDENT TO A MAIL TRAIN.

Many Killed near Tashkend.

LONDON, MARCH 7.

The mail train from Tashkend yesterday left the rails and fell down an embankment twelve passengers being killed and forty-three injured.

BRITISH TRADE RETURNS.

Further Decrease.

LONDON, MARCH 7.

The Imports for February show a decrease of £499,782 and the Exports a decrease of £123,831.

ATTACK ON A DRAGOMAN.

LONDON, MARCH 7.

The first Dragoman Askitis in the Greek Consulate-General at Salonika has been attacked and dangerously wounded in the street.

LAUNCH OF A GERMAN BATTLESHIP.

First Reply to the "Dreadnought"

LONDON, MARCH 7.

The first German "Dreadnought" was launched to-day at Wilhelmshaven and christened the "Nassau."

THE DRUCE CASE.

Another Arrest for Perjury.

LONDON, MARCH 7.

Mrs. Hamilton who gave evidence in the Druce case has been arrested for perjury.

FOOTBALL NEWS.

Nearing the End of the Cup.

LONDON, MARCH 7.

At the Association football, Scotland beat Wales by two goals to one at Dundee.

The matches in the third round of the English Cup were played off this afternoon with the following results:—

Fulham playing on their own ground beat Manchester United by 2 goals to 1.

Everton drew with Southampton at Everton neither side scoring.

The Wolverhampton Wanderers beat Stoke on the latter's ground by one to nil

Newcastle United playing at home beat Grimsby by five to one.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, MARCH 7.

The death is announced of Sir G. E. Couper, K. C. S. I.

DISTURBANCES IN PESHAWAR.

Afridis Upset and Loot Money-changers.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, MARCH 8.

The "Pioneer's" Peshawar correspondent telegraphs on 7th March:—There was great excitement in Peshawar City yesterday afternoon, when news spread from mouth to mouth, that a raid was then being made by some Afridis in the middle of the City. It is not exaggerating to say that, after the recent experience of Afridi raiders, who have within the last six weeks looted wealthy citizens of Peshawar at their leisure and shot down in cold blood any person who interfered with them, a feeling of insecurity and alarm has made itself widely felt among the inhabitants of the City. The news of the expedition against the Zakka Khel had been received by the residents with great satisfaction, and after the successful termination of the punitive measures, and the submission of the tribe, it was hoped that for some time at least, Peshawar Valley would be safe from activity of trans-border budmashes and that the life and property of those living within the Indian border, would be secure. That another raid should take place so quickly and in broad daylight, appeared incredible; as information began to circulate, however, it became evident, that trouble on this occasion did not arise from the notorious Multan, or any of his associates. It appears that a large gathering of Afridis, numbering about 900 or 1,000 men, had assembled in the City at the residence of Sahebzada Abdul Quayum, Assistant to the Political Officer of the Khyber, in order to learn the terms of the recent settlement with the Zakka Khel. According to the usual custom, subsistence money was paid to the heads of the tribes, to meet the cost of their food while in Peshawar.

It seems that a dispute arose between the tribesmen and their Maliks about the division of their subsistence allowance, and a large number of them, getting enraged, rushed off and began looting the shops near Dubdari Gate, where the Jirga had assembled. A number of them then found their way to a portion of the city, called Andar Shahr where money-changers sit with trays of money and coins in front of them. The money-changers with their seats and trays were quickly upset and a wild scrimmage ensued for scattered coins. In the meantime the news spread; the police closed many of the City Gates; reinforcements, sent down from the Cantonment, surrounded the city and a detachment of the 19th Lancers was hurried down to assist in scouring the country and to bring in the men who were making off with the loot. These measures did not terminate until a late hour, by which time some sixty of the Jirga men had been captured and locked up. A considerable amount of property was recovered; on one man was found Rs. 1,000 while another grey-bearded old man was found to have eighteen sovereigns secreted on him, which he admitted had been looted by him. The total value of property taken is estimated to be about Rs. 8,000. Fortunately the Jirga men were all unarmed and caused no loss of life. One of them was shot by the Police, and two others were wounded.

THE VICEROY'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Hon. Mr. Slacke Resigns his Seat.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 7.

The Hon. Mr. F. A. Slacke has resigned his seat upon H. E. the Viceroy's Legislative Council, with effect from the 26th instant, when he proceeds on leave.

MADRAS UNIVERSITY.

Proposal to Confer Title for Oriental Learning.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, MARCH 7.

At yesterday's meeting of the Senate of the Madras University, the question of the desirability, or otherwise, of instituting a course of study and examinations for a title in Oriental learning to be conferred by the University, was discussed. The motion for the adoption of this course was passed eventually by a large majority of the Senate. A Committee was appointed to frame the necessary regulations.

MEMORIAL TO SIR JOTENDRO MOHAN TAGORE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 7.

At a meeting at the Town Hall to commemorate the late Sir Jotendro Mohan Tagore, it was decided to raise subscriptions for a suitable memorial.

EDITOR'S APPEAL REJECTED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 6.

Justices Geidt and Woodroffe, in the High Court here to-day, rejected the appeal of the Editor of the Rungpur "Bartabaha," against the sentence of six months' rigorous imprisonment imposed on him for publishing seditious articles.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 7.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

The Hon. Mr. James Fairbairn Finlay, C. S. I., has resigned his office as an Ordinary member of the Council of the Governor-General of India, with effect from the 28th February 1908. A vacancy having occurred in the office of an Ordinary member of the Council of the Governor General of India by the resignation of the Hon. Mr. James Fairbairn Finlay, C.S.I., and no person provisionally appointed to succeed being present on the spot, the Governor-General in Council has been pleased to appoint Mr. William Leatham Harvey, C.I.E., to be a temporary member of the Council of the Governor-General of India. The Hon'ble Mr. Harvey has, on his day, taken upon himself the execution of his office under the usual salute.

Mr. P. W. Monie, of the Indian Civil Service, Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department, is confirmed in his appointment, with effect from the 4th March, 1908.

Mr. K. G. Gupta has been permitted to resign His Majesty's Indian Civil Service with effect from the 22nd February, 1908.

With effect from the 21st March, 1908, Lieutenant-Colonel E. P. Frenchman, I. M. S. (Madras), Inspector-General of Prisons, Burma, will officiate as Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals, Burma, during the absence on leave of Colonel W. G. King, M.B., C. I. E., I. M. S. (Madras.)

The services of Lieutenant-Colonel H. N. Taylor, D. S. O., I. A., are placed at the disposal of the Government of Burma, for employment as Officiating Deputy Inspector-General of Military Police.

The services of the Reverend P. F. G. Wardell are placed at the disposal of the Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, with effect from the 5th March, 1908.

The services of the Reverend C. Price are placed at the disposal of the Government of the United Provinces, with effect from the 5th March, 1908.

The Reverend G. E. Oldham, A., Junior Chaplain on the Bengal (Lucknow) Ecclesiastical Establishment, is promoted to be a Senior Chaplain, with effect from the 27th February, 1908.

THE MAHAJANA SABHA.

Success of Bombay Industries.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, MARCH 7.

The Members of the Madras Mahajana Sabha assembled yesterday evening in the Sabha Hall to meet Mr. Vithaldas Damodar Thackersey, a Member of the Indian Factory Commission, now in Madras, who delivered an interesting address on Industrial matters. He alluded to the Burma Petroleum Industry, the Bombay Steel Company and the Cotton Industry, and said that during the short space of 18 months, Bombay was able to raise 5 crores worth of Joint Stock Companies, namely two Indian Banks, the Bombay Steam Navigation Company and the Company in connection with the Hydraulic Electric Scheme for the Ghauts. He also discussed the Weaving industry and said, from what little experience he had of Madrasees, some of whom were clerks in Bombay he had no hesitation in saying, as far as their intellect was concerned, they were far ahead of Bombay people. He said he had his Private Secretary, despatch clerk and typist, all Madrasees, and if he could get a Madrasee as his Mill Manager, he would be glad to have him.

DR. POLLEN ON ESPERANTO

Lecture in Madras.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, MARCH 7.

At the meeting of the Madras Christian College Associated Societies, yesterday, Dr. Pollen delivered the Inaugural address. He said; "I am about to speak this evening on the subject of 'Ideals' and in doing so I shall deal with questions of practice and principle. I have within the last few weeks read three admirable addresses, one given by the present Governor of Bombay, Sir George Sydenham Clarke, on the subject of Education. With 32 years experience of the Presidency, I heartily concur in every word he used. Another was an admirable lecture given by Mrs. Annie Besant on Eastern and Western Ideals, and the third was a speech made by your own Governor on the real objects of Education. Few things could be more excellent than these addresses. I recommend them most strongly to the perusal and reperusal of the rising youth of India." He then went on to refer to Espernanto, the life work of Dr. Zemanoff and urged students to form themselves into groups to study that universal language. The Reverend Weston, Professor of the Christian College, who was Chairman, said he hoped the Madras University would follow the example of the Tokio University and make Esperanto the second language in University Examinations.

SIR SUBRAMANIA IYER.

Honoured by the Madras University.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, MARCH 7.

At a meeting of the Senate of the Madras University held on Friday last, the Vice-Chancellor, the Hon'ble Sir Ralph Benson, moved a resolution to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on Sir S. Subramania Iyer. He said that his eminent attainments and position were well known, not only to the older members of the University, but also to every Graduate, even to the youngest Undergraduates throughout the length and breadth of the Madras Presidency and to a wide circle of educated men, far beyond its borders. For some 13 years Sir S. Subramania Iyer had adorned the Bench of the highest Judicial Tribunal in that Presidency. On no less than three occasions has he held the position of Chief Justice with conspicuous credit to himself, with satisfaction to the public and his colleagues on the Bench. Having referred to Sir Subramania Iyer's many other claims to recognition by the University, Sir Ralph Benson concluded by adding that His Majesty the King had long ago recognised his position and attainments by conferring on him a Knight Commandership of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire. The Sister University of Calcutta is about to bestow on him the Honorary degree of Doctor of Laws and he was sure the Syndicate of the Madras University was unanimously of opinion that he is, by reason of his eminent position and attainments a fit and proper person to receive the Honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. It is an honour which the Madras University had bestowed only once before and then most worthily, on that Grand Old Man, the Rev. Dr. Miller. In bestowing a similar honour on Sir S. Subramania Iyer, this University would do honour to itself, no less than to him. He begged most heartily to commend the proposal of the Syndicate to their unanimous and enthusiastic acceptance. Mr. P. S. Ganapatty Iyer seconded the resolution, which was put to the meeting and carried unanimously amid cheers.

RELEASE OF BEPIN CHANDRA PAL.

Addresses on Swadeshi.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 7.

Mr. Surendranath Bannerji addressed some two thousand students and others in the College Square this evening on Swadeshi, from the Moderates' standpoint, and to-morrow Mr. Aravinda Ghose and others address the Entrance students, in the same place, from the Extremists' point of view. Mr. Surendranath Bannerji said incidentally yesterday that he was starting upon a journey of three hundred miles in the Swadeshi cause, from which it is understood, that he is one of those proceeding to Buxar to welcome Bepin Chandra Pal, who is to be released on Monday.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS AT QUETTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

QUETTA, MARCH 6.

Thirteen shocks of earthquake occurred at Sharigh between nine o'clock last night and five o'clock this morning. Several houses in the Bazaar fell and further damage was done to the railway buildings. The shocks were felt at Dirgi and Khostai.

RAILWAY EARNINGS.

Steady Falling off.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 7

Indian Railway earnings, which persistently exceeded the record throughout all the earlier months of last year, are now as steadily falling off. Forty Lakhs of Rupees have been lost in January and February, but this leaves the Government Exchequer still 1 3/4 crores to the good, and even, if the present slackness of traffic continues, Mr. Baker should find himself, at the end of March, at least a Million Sterling better off than be anticipated would be the case, when he framed his Railway Budget for the current year. About half of this amount should be net improvement.

RIOT IN JUTE MILLS.

Recourse to Firearms.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 6.

A riot occurred at the Kankinara Jute Mills to-day, the labour force, who are on strike, attempting to storm the premises. Three of them were shot down by the Mill authorities in repulsing the attempt. The District Superintendent of Police, Alipore, and fifty constables are on the spot.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

The Bombay Light Horse opened their annual Camp at Santa Cruz on Saturday evening under the Command of Major T. W. Cuffe. The Corps will remain under canvas for a fortnight, the training being brought to a finish on the 21st instant by annual inspection by the Genral Officer Commanding, Bombay Brigade.

ARRIVALS, MARCH 7:—Lieut. Brodie, R.S., Fusiliers, from Bareilly.
Lieut Crichton, R. S. Fusiliers, from Bareilly.
Lieut Nielles, R. S. Fusiliers, from Bareilly.
Lieut Hutchins, 3rd Q.A.O. Gurkhas, from Bareilly.
Lieut Hudson, Royal Fusiliers, from Secunderabad.
Lieut Blackwell, R. A. M. C., from Secunderabad.
Major Walker, A. V. Corps, from Umballa.
Major Forster, 59 Rifles, from Kohat.
Major Carden, 17th Lancers, from England.
Captain Orton, 37th Lancers, from England.
Lieut Duncan, 1st Seaforth High., from England.

DEPARTURES, MARCH, 7.—Lieut. Crichton. R.S. Fus. to England.
Lieut. Brodie, R. S. Fus., to England.
Capt. de Brett, D A.A. G., to England.
Capt. Waller, 38th Dogras, to England.
Major Scott, R.A.M.C., to England.
Capt. Dunn, R.I Rifles to Neemuch.
Major Carden, 17th Lancers, to Meerut.
Capt. Orton, 37th Lancers, to Nowshera.
Lieut. Duncan, 1st Seaforth High., to Nowshera.
Capt. Bogle, Corps of Guides, to Marden.
Lieut. Beadnell, R.A.M.C., to England.
Lieut. Mortimore, R.H.A., to England.

THE COONOOR CASE.

Dorset Officers Charged.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

COONOOR, MARCH 6.

Further hearing of the case against the three Subaltern Officers of the 2nd Dorset Regiment, Watts, McArthy and Whiggley, was resumed before Mr. L. E. Buckley, I. C. S., at Ootacamund this afternoon.

Muniyan, a coachman of the Nilgiri Tonga Company gave a sensational deposition. He said that on 17th February he went to the Coonoor Club where three Officers, Watts, McCarthy and Whiggley, sent for a carriage. Watts sat on the dickey and drove the carriage while McCarthy and Whiggley were seated inside. First, Watts, with two of his comrades drove off to Bell, a planter, where the Officers had a bottle of whiskey, they got from the Coonoor Club which they drank. They proceeded to Kotagiri from Coonoor in a carriage, refused to pay toll at Kotagiri; Whiggley pushed him down onward the journey; finally, Watts drove the carriage to Wellington where McCarthy and Whiggley got down at their bungalow. Watts then proceeded to the Nilgiri Company's Stables at Coonoor, driving all the way from Wellington seated on the dickey. At Coonoor the Company's Office Proprietor took the part of the coachman. The Officer attempted to whip him. Later, Watts, McCarthy and Whiggley with swords came up and poked the sides of syces with their swords at daybreak.

Another coachman also corroborated the witness' statement and added that Watts, when he came with his comrades at daybreak, inflicted wounds with his sword on his hand, which he treated himself medically.

Fakeer Mahomed, a well-known merchant of Coonoor who lives by the Nilgiri Tonga Co's Stables, deposed that on the 17th February he saw Watts, who was dressed in khaki and wore a sword, riding on a pony belonging to the Stables and McCarthy and Whiggley following him.

The barber deposed that on the night of the 17th February at daybreak, while he went out of his house he was assaulted by an Officer with the cover of his sword.

The case has created a great sensation both among the Military and Civil population.

COONOOR, MARCH 7.

The further hearing of the case against Second Lieutenants Watts, McCarthy and Whigley of the Dorsets Regiment, for trespass and mischief, was resumed this afternoon before Mr. L. E. Buckley, I.C.S., at Ooty. Major L. N. Younghusband, D.A.A.G. of the Ninth Division, was examined, in support of a letter that was written to the Magistrate by Major-General Wolfe Murray, authorising the prosecution of the three accused officers. The last witness for the prosecution, Sreeamulu, Agent of of the Nilgiri Tonga Compay, gave another thrilling version of the alleged mischief and trespass done by the accused to the Nilgiri Tonga Company's properties on the night of the 17th February. Witness deposed that when the three accused, Lieutanants Watts, McCarthy and Whigley came together, all three officers had swords in their hands. Lieutenant Watts drew his sword and chased witness and finally threw his sword at witness. Later on witness stood near the Stables and watched the various doings of the accused. Witness heard the crying of the barber, when accused assaulted him. All three accused stood for a while in a group and then dispersed, each one with a sword, stabbing the hoods of the tongas in the yard of the Stables. Lieut. Watts finally made his way into a stall in the Stables, where he got hold of a pony, mounted on it and rode homeward. This witness was put to a severe cross-examination by the Pleader of the accused, but nothing important was elicited. The Magistrate then questioned Lieut. Watts as to a statement he made to the police. Lieut. Watts replying briefly touched upon the occasion on which he made the acquaintance of the first witness for the prosecution and told the Court that there existed no ill feeling between him and the proprietor of the Nilgiri Tonga Company prior to the night of the alleged mischief and trespass done by accused. The Magistrate reserved further questions as regards the case.

DIVISIONAL ASSAULT-AT-ARMS, LUCKNOW.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, MARCH 7.

Following are results of yesterday's competitions:—Tent pegging by Sections—Royal Dragoons, 1; "S" Battery, R. H. A., 2; Tent pegging by Sections, Native Officers—1st Lancers, 1; Hodson's Horse, 2. Bayonet Tournament—Natives Finals, 10th Jats won. Physical training with Arms—British, the Oxfords won. Tug-of-War Finals, Natives, 23rd Punjabis won. Catchweights Finals, British—Shropshires won.

The Lucknow Divisional Assault-at-Arms, which was brought to a close yesterday, has been a great success. At its close, Lieutenant-General Sir E. Locke Elliot made a speech referring to the lessons to be learnt from the Tournament. In contests of Lance versus Lance, and Lance versus Sword, he thought too much pace was sanctioned, and, in consequence, several men were unnecessarily knocked about. It was an open question whether combats with lance were of much practical value. The present system of bayonet fencing was necessary as an introduction to the proper use of the weapon; but in actual combats there would be neither space nor time to carry out bayonet fencing as seen in competitions. He thought the Government issue of bayonets insufficient for initial instruction, but hoped there would be an improvement in the issues in the near future. The prizes were distributed by Lady Elliot. The prize for the best Officer-at-arms, British, was won by Lieutenant and Riding Master Lloyd-Evans of the Royal Field Artillery and for the best Officer at-Arms, Native, by Jemadar Sukan Singh, of the 2nd Lancers.

ACQUITTAL OF SERGEANT CARNE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 6.

Sergeant H. J. Carne, Military Works Service, Dinapore, has been acquitted by a Court-Martial at that Station, on the charge of the attempted murder of Bandmaster Bartram who is in Hospital, suffering from a revolver shot alleged to be fired by Carne in the course of a scuffle, in which Bartram and four others were concerned at Carne's house.

THE EXPANSION OF BOMBAY.

Millowners' Reply.

The Millowners' Association has addressed the following letter to Mr. R. E. Enthoven, Acting Secretary to Government, General Department Bombay:—

I am directed by the Millowners' Association to acknowledge, with thanks, your letter No. 7382 of the 9th December last, laying before them His Excellency the Governor's numerous important schemes for the development of Bombay City and the improvement of communications throughout the Island.

2. The Association are in accord with His Excellency in considering that a comprehensively planned scheme for the above purpose is desirable for the future welfare of our large and rapidly increasing population. They, however, feel that whatever the ultimate scheme may be, it should harmonise with popular sentiments and feelings, and be carried out after due deliberation and careful regard to the financial burdens which it may place on the present generation of ratepayers.

3. The first proposal, to which the Association's attention is invited, is as follows:—

"With the object of adding to the areas available for occupation by the wealthier classes, is it desirable—

(*a*) to prepare schemes for the construction of residential areas in the north of the Island,

(*b*) to effect reclamations in Back Bay, or

(*c*) to utilise Trombay, or to adopt more than one of these remedies simultaneously."

4. The Association's views, briefly expressed, are that every effort should at first be concentrated in the completion of the suggested scheme for providing residential areas in the North of the Island, and that the development of Trombay should be left to private enterprise. As regards the reclamations in Back Bay, the Association, on the whole, do not approve of these being taken in hand—at least not till the first scheme has been fully developed and availed of by the population. And they further are of opinion that any such reclamation that may hereafter be undertaken in Back Bay should not comprise more than the foreshore southwards from the Panday Sanitorium in Colaba down to Colaba Point.

5. Their reasons for advising the above course are, first because the primary intention of the proposed development scheme is to try and spread the population as much as possible over the northern portion of the Island, and thus relieve the present congested areas in the City. Secondly, because if Back Bay reclamations are taken in hand first, or even simultaneously with the other two proposals, there will be a natural tendency among the well-to-do classes to move down southwards, with the result that competition for residential quarters round about Colaba and on the reclaimed land will be increased and rents will continue to be as exorbitant as at present, and may possibly be even forced up to a higher level, thus obviously defeating the ends in view. Thirdly, the Association consider that the Back Bay is the chief aesthetic asset of Bombay, and that any attempt to limit its area and build along its shores would not only disfigure its natural beauty, but be prejudicial to public health. Besides, it is thought, that crowded buildings on the present site of the Bay would have the effect of obstructing the sea breezes and otherwise making the westerly section of the town less sanitary than at present.

6. The second question is—

"What are the immediate needs of the City in regard to channels of communication? Should these be met by the widening of Abdul Rehman Street, and other means aimed at providing broad northern and southern thoroughfares throughout the length of the Island?"

7. The Association are of opinion that the immediate needs of the City do not require any further channels of communication, and that therefore there is no pressing necessity for widening Abdul Rehman Street. They consider that all that is required is to improve the Frere Road—which runs straight from South to North—by extending it as far north as may be deemed necessary.

8. Thirdly it is asked, "whether it is desirable to adopt the Victoria Terminus for the reception of all main passenger traffic into Bombay."

9. The Association are not prepared to give any direct answer to this proposition, as they consider the adaptation of the said Terminus for the purpose mentioned is primarily a question for solution by the two Railways concerned.

10. The fourth question is—

"Can the local railway traffic be brought from Parel into the Victoria Terminus in future along the existing G. I. P. route from Parel, thus enabling the B. B. and C. I Railway to be dispensed with from Grant Road onwards, or should the present B. B. and C. I. line be retained for the purposes of local traffic, as far as—(a) Marine Lines, (b) Church Gate, (c) Colaba.

11. The Association are not in favour of concentrating all local passenger traffic at Victoria Terminus, as they consider that any such scheme would impose great inconvenience and hardship on a very numerous class of urban and suburban passengers whose destinations are towards the western side of the native town from Grant Road to Church Gate Station. They are further of opinion that so important a matter should not be decided without a full consideration of the views of the two Railway Companies regarding their present and future arrangements for handling the enormous passenger traffic on these lines.

12. Question fifth—

"Assuming the existence of free and rapid communication by rail, tramway or otherwise, and the construction of two arterial thoroughfares running north and south, what areas on the Island are specially suited to the housing of—

(1) the middle classes who visit the Fort daily for employment,

(2) the labouring classes, including the mill-hands and other factory employes?"

13. The Association, in considering this question, assume that the western portion of the Mahim Woods and the foreshore in that direction will be utilised as residential areas for the wealthier classes. They therefore, suggest that the middle classes, who visit the Fort daily for employment, might suitably be accommodated on the eastern portion of the said woods, and on land right up to the west of the F. B. & C. I. Railway.

14. As regards the mill-hands, factory employes, and labourers generally, the Association consider that these could adequately be provided for about Dadar and Matunga, and the north-east of the Island, as it is in these areas that most of the labour is required.

15. The sixth question is—

"What special measures are necessary or desirable in the nature of the provision of cheap workmen's trains or workmen's tramways to enable the labouring classes to be cheaply accommodated in the less frequented portions of the Island where land is available on easy terms? Assuming that cheap fares can be arranged for traffic between certain hours, will the working classes be able to pay these fares and a rent adequate to give a reasonable return on the capital invested in accommodation schemes?"

16. The Association while generally approving of the idea of having workmen's trains or tramways, have considerable doubts as to whether such facilities would be availed of by the people, as the average labourer would rather walk miles than pay a carriage fare. To induce such men to use trains and trams the fares would have to be reduced to a minimum that could not possibly give a reasonable return on the means of transit provided. While of opinion that the labouring classes would flock to cheap residential quarters on the areas previously indicated, the Association think that it would be advisable to postpone any scheme for the provision of workmen's trains and trams for the present.—I have, &c.,

FAZULBHOY CURRIMBHOY EBRAHIM,
Deputy Chairman.
J. B. LESLIE ROGERS,
Secretary.

PASSENGERS BY THE S. S. BOHEMIA.

The following passengers arrived in Bombay by the Austrian Lloyd's s. s. "Bohemia," from Trieste and intermediate ports, on Saturday morning:—Mr. H. W. Cobb, Capt. Mittal, and Mr. V. N. Mandlik.

From Aden.—Mr. C. Rice, Mr. A. A. Shaikh Mahmood, and Miss E. M. Wheeler.

From Karachi.—Mr. W. N. Nicholas.

THE BISHOPS OF BOMBAY.

Their Long Immunity from Death in Office.

In connection with the death of Dr. Pym last week, it is of some interest to note that he is the first and only Bishop of Bombay to die in harness in his diocese during the tenure of his office.

For seventy years since the establishment of the See of Bombay in 1837, all those who have held it have lived long enough to retire from it, till the death of Bishop Pym has broken this record, which was creditable to the salubrity of our climate as well as to the constitutions of our former Bishops. During these seventy years we have had six Bishops which gives an average of about twelve years for each. This average is lengthened if we leave out of consideration the last ten years during which we have had two Bishops, Dr. Macarthur and Dr. Pym. For the sixty years from 1837 to 1897 we had only four Bishops which gives an average of fifteen years for each incumbent of this office. Three of these four actually held office for a longer period still. Dr. Thomas Carr, the first to hold this office since its creation, was Bishop from 1837 till 1851, just the average period; but it must be remembered in his case that he was for eleven years Archdeacon of Bombay before he was elevated to the newly created Bishopric, and as such was performing duties similar to those of a bishop here. He was born in 1788 and therefore nearly fifty when he came to this high office; yet after serving in it for nearly fifteen years, he retired at the age of sixty-four and lived for eight years longer till he died at 72 in 1859 at Bath where he was Rector. The first Bishop has a magnificent memorial in our Cathedral, where he officiated for so long, in the shape of a marble cenotaph having his full length recumbent effigy on top.

After Bishop Carr came Dr John Harding at the age of 46. He remained here for seventeen years returning in 1868. He lived for six years at home, not dying till 1874 when he was in his seventieth year. His tenure of office must have resembled Bishop Pym's, for we read in Canon Venables' short memoir of him the following sentences which to many will appear striking just now. "He administered his diocese conscientiously but lacked energy and originating power. His somewhat rigid evangelicanism led him to look coldly on 'brotherhoods and other proposed agencies of the High Church party for supplementing the deficiencies of missionary work in his diocese. He was little seen in his diocese except at the three chief centres of his province and consequently had small personal knowledge of its real wants. He was firm opposer of what are known as Ritualistic practices." To Bishop Harding succeeded Dr. Henry Alexander Douglas who, when he came to Bombay in 1868, was 47, a year older than his predecessor. He remained here for nearly seven years retiring in 1875, and dying at the end of that year at 55. He was the nephew of the sixth Marquis of Queensberry, and was for long Dean of Capetown before he came to Bombay. A brother of his was in the East India Company's Service here, but died very young in 1845 when he was hardly twenty-five. His father's sister was Lady Beckwith, the wife of the brilliant "sabreur," who became Governor of Bombay for a brief period, and who has a well known monument at Mahableshwar where he died in 1831. Thus Bishop Douglas had ties with our Presidency when he came to preside over its Bishopric.

Since Bishop Douglas' death on 13th December 1875 there has been no death among our Bishops till last week, for the ten that have succeeded him are still alive though they have retired from their post. Dr. Louis George Mylne succeeded Dr. Douglas at a very young age when he was hardly thirty-three and ruled over the See for the very long period of twenty-one years retiring in 1897. It was very remarkable that while Dr. Mylne held the See of Bombay, the two other principal sees of Calcutta and Madras were presided over by Bishops whose tenure was even longer. Bishop Johnson came to Calcutta in the same year as Dr. Mylne and continued there somewhat longer retiring in 1898: while Bishop Gell, his contemporary at Madras, held that see for 38 years from 1861 till 1899. This venerable Bishop lived four years longer in retirement and died in 1902 at Coonoor at the great age of 92. Thus though Bishop Mylne presided for the longest period over his See, this period was not the longest for an Anglo-Indian Bishop. Dr. Mylne had closer ties with our Presidency than his predecessor, for his father was a Major in the old Bombay Army. He is at present Rector of Alvechurch in Worcestershire, and still active at the age of sixty five, having only last month published a volume on Indian Missions with reference to Hindus.

During the last ten years we have had two Bishops, one of whom Dr. James Macarthur retired after hardly five years of work in our midst in 1903. He came here when he was fifty, and resigned this See to become the Suffragan Bishop of Southampton as which he is now doing very useful work. Bishop Pym was appointed to Mauritius at the same time that Dr. Macarthur came to Bombay in 1898; and in 1903 was translated here at the age of 47.

The following table, specially drawn up, giving the names of the Bishops of Bombay and the years of their tenure of the Bishopric as well as those of their birth and death, may be found useful for reference, especially as it is not accessible elsewhere.

Carr Thomas (1788-59)	Bishop	1837-51
Harding, John (1805-74)	"	1851-68
Douglas Henry Alex (1821-75)	"	1868-75
Mylne, Louis George (born 20Ap 1843)	"	1876-97
Macarthur, James (born 1898)	"	1898-1903
Pym, Walter Ruthven (22 June 1856—2 Mar 1908)	"	1903-1903

The immunity which Bombay had long enjoyed for seventy years till last week, in the matter of the health and life of its Bishops contrasts, it may be noted here, very strongly with the heavy mortality in its succession of Bishops which Calcutta has had to endure. Since the Bishopric of Calcutta was first instituted in 1814 there have been ten Bishops. Of these ten, no less than seven have ended their lives in this country whilst during their duty. From 1814 till 1876 every Bishop of Calcutta has

THE DECENTRALIZATION COMMISSION.

The Decentralization Commission held its third sitting in Bombay on Saturday. The Commission assembled in the Secretariat, Mr. C. E. H. Hobhouse, M. P., Under Secretary of State for India, presiding. There were also present: The Hon'ble Sir Steyning Edgerley, Sir Frederick Lely, Mr. Romesh Chunder Dutt, Mr. Hichens, Mr. W. S. Meyer and Mr. Wheeler, Secretary.

The Hon. Mr. G. K. Gokhale was the first witness examined, on Saturday, the President and the Commissioners questioned him on the various suggestions made by him, in his statement.

Examined by Mr. Hobhouse, the Hon'ble Mr. Gokhale said that he had some Municipal experience being a member of the Poona Municipality for nearly 6 years. Mr. Gokhale did not approve of the idea of removing the control of Government of India over the provincial Governments, but then in some cases there was the other side to be considered too. He particularly alluded to the infliction of the Universities Bill. This legislation, Mr. Gokhale thought was a drastic one and he was sure if Bombay Government were left to themselves there would not have been such laws enacted. That Act had not proved harmful in Bombay. He meant to say that the bad effects were not felt in Bombay because it was worked so well, but that did not alter the fact that the legislation was undesirable and that did not make it a good measure.

With regard to revenue, Mr. Gokhale said that particular revenue being imperial revenue it must go to the Government of India. What he meant was that certain portion of the revenue belonged to the Government of India and a certain portion belonged to the provincial Government. He liked the Government of India to borrow on the total revenue of whole India and apportion a part of it to the local Governments. One-fourth of the money borrowed should go to the local Governments and three-fourths of it might be kept for the Government of India.

Referring to Forests laws, Mr. Gokhale said that he would not like the official control removed altogether. The valuable timber forests might be placed under the department, but the management of the minor forests should be left to the villagers. Before the Forest Department was organized what was now called "forests" which is not "forests" in the real sense were under the control of the villagers. Of course he proposed to provide some kind of control over the trees, and such things. There would be no difficulty found in managing the minor forests in this manner. The Government of India showed a surplus of 4 or 5 crores of rupees, and some part out of it should be given to the local Governments. What he proposed was that the provincial Governments should be paid a fixed amount from the revenues and that the Government of India should borrow on the assets of the whole country.

Questioned by Sir Frederick Lely, the witness said that he considered the village panchayats were very much weakened. He would not think it practicable to select them for their social position. As to the factions in the villages, the Hon'ble Mr. Gokhale said that too much stress had been laid on the factions. He thought that because of the suggestion that according to Mr. Gokhale's scheme the faction which was in the minority would suffer greatly. He was averse to the disputes in land revenue being taken to courts.

Sir Frederick then asked if it was not very hard on those who belonged to he faction in the minority to go to their rival faction which was numerically superior. To this, Mr. Gokhale replied, that there was bound to be certain amount of injustice done in this world.

Sir Frederick next put the question: "Have many flagrant acts of injustice come to your knowledge?"—I have some experience, but I would hesitate to call them intentional.

Questioned by Mr. Dutt, the witness said that by making the alterations proposed by him, the assets of the provincial Government would be increased and in view of this, the provincial Governments should make some fixed grants. This, of course would make the Provincial Governments independent of the Government of India, so far as their administration was concerned. He proposed franchise being given to villages and there were, he believed, about a thousand such villages as could be given the franchise. He would have the Taluka boards to manage their own affairs. The Engineer looked after the works, roads, &c.

To Mr. Hichens, the witness replied that the provincial Government should be allowed to spend their revenue in the best way they thought. He would suggest some control over the land revenue. Practically speaking, he would not give any more control to them so far as their administration was concerned. Under certain circumstances particular heads of expenditure were likely to expand and such heads as were likely to be affected Mr. Gokhale had provided against in his suggestions. The Government of India should have control over the general policy of the Provincial Governments. The Government of India should lay down general principles and the provincial Governments should go on those principles only.

Mr Meyer next examined the witness who said that beyond what was mentioned in the statement as to the alterations that should be effected in the present system, Mr. Gokhale did not propose any further delegation of powers to the Provincial Governments. As to the Governments being in touch with the public opinion, Mr. Gokhale could speak for the Bombay Government. He said that the Governor in Council came in contact with people of standing and position in Bombay and Poona. He could not say if the Government officials in the district came in contact with the people. The Governor did go out of the Presidency and visited different parts of the Province but he could not say he came in touch with the people of the district. The Government had a better source of knowing public opinion. The newspapers gave out public opinion and the Government could read it in the newspapers.

Coming to the question of revenue, Mr. Gokhale remarked that the Provincial Government had to make harder fight to find sources of revenue than the Government of India. The Government were going in for productive works, and they must go in for them, but, Mr. Gokhale thought, they were going very fast. Knowing as he did that the public opinion was too weak to be any check on the Government policy, he would not like to give the Provincial Government any more borrowing powers. He also preferred that there should be a minute check by the Secretary of State on pay and pension rules. With regard to the Vice-Presidents of the municipal local boards, Mr Gokhale suggested that the mamlatdar should not be the vice-president of his taluka. That officer being a responsible officer should have complete information of the municipal work in his taluka and for this reason he might be allowed to attend the meeting so that he might know what was going on there. Mr. Gokhale did not believe in the mamlatdar taking any interest in the local affairs.

Questioned by Sir Seyning Edgerley, Mr. Gokhale said that the statement submitted by him, represented his own views as well as those of the Bombay Presidency Association. Sir Pherozeshah Mehta, President of the Association and other leading members of that body had gone through the statement and witness had the authority to say that his statement represented the views of the Association.

For small necessary purposes the Provincial Governments might be left free to raise loans in the open market. Generally speaking, his scheme was to put the power as low down as possible, in other words, he proposed that only those things which could not be done by the Provincial Governments should be done by the Central Government subject to certain suggestions made in his statement for controlling those powers.

Mr. Raman Bhai Mahipatram, Vice-President of the Ahmedabad Municipality, said that formerly he was in the Bombay Government service. Without the sanction of the Government his municipality could not raise money. This according to his opinion did not hamper the municipal work. On a sound budget they had to apply to Government and the necessary sanction was given. There were special and local contributions made to the municipality from Government. The Municipality had control over roads and lighting. The budget was prepared by their Finance Committee.

In reply to question from Mr Meyer, the witness said that Poona was the only City Municipality in the Presidency that had the power of electing its own President. In Ahmedabad the President was nominated by Government and the latter often appointed a non-official President. The Ahmedabad Municipality had its own budget prepared without having to show it to any authority but they had to submit it to Government when they wanted to raise a loan. When the Municipality was hard up it could raise money by taxation. It had no power to levy an income-tax, but it levied house-tax and octroi duty. The octroi was laid on luxuries, not on necessaries. Witness would not call ghee a necessary of life for the poor. It was not desirable to raise the house-tax rather than impose octroi because house-tax was very unpular and the octroi was levied on articles which did not affect the poor classes materially.

Mr. Khandubhai Desai, late Executive Engineer, Presidency, and now living in Surat was the next witness examined and he said in reply to questions from the President that he was a member of the Municipality and was also a member on the District Board. Referring to the proposal that certain powers should be transferred from the Government of India to the Bombay Government as regarded the Municipal administration and the local self-government the witness not having a complete knowledge of the subject would not say anything at all. The Deputy Collector and Collector's occupying position on the Municipal Board took away much of their time from office. As Executive Engineer his work was more of a Sanitary character.

To Mr. Hichens, witness said that he had no objection to the roads and other public works being managed by the Executive Engineer. He looked upon them as more provincial than local works and therefore they must be managed by the Government. If some relief was given to the Municipality and funds were found for them it was desirable to allow them to manage those things themselves.

To Mr. Dutt, the witness said that as Executive Engineer he was in charge of the irrigation works but he did not collect the water tax. From his long residence in Gujarat and his long experience he could say that several city municipalities in the Gujarat had non-official Presidents appointed by Government. Surat had only two non-official Presidents during the last 20 years.

To Sir Steyning Edgerley, the witness said that when he was on the District Board he had to devote a third of his time to Municipal work.

Examined by Mr. Meyer, the witness said that as President of the Municipality the Collector was above him. He was not under the Collector in his capacity of Executive Engineer. He was under the Collector in one sense; the Collector was the President of the Municipality witness belonged to.

Mr. H. E. E. Proctet, of Messrs. Killick, Nixon and Company, agents of several feeder railway lines in Bombay Presidency, was the next witness. He said that he had lived in India for several years. His firm was in communication with the Government for a long time in connection with the feeder lines. After a feeder line was constructed if the main line was extended as to have junctions at both ends of the feeder line than the latter a chord line and if it was to be so treated it might be bought up. All communications and applications in connection with the railway lines were submitted to the Bombay Government which ultimately forwarded the same to the Government of India There was room for several feeder lines. They were required for the benefit of the inland trade and would prove best sources of communication. On the B. B. and C. I. Railway several feeders could be constructed. Witness did not know if the applications of his firm were submitted to the Railway Board by the Bombay Government.

To Mr. Meyer's questions the witness replied that future development of private railways would require their being taken up by Government and the conversion of them into trunk lines by altering the gauge. It would be necessary to come to an understanding that such conversion was to take place

To Mr. Dutt, the witness said that his firm had said in applications for new feeder lines on the B. B. and C. I. Railway and as the latter had become a Government Railway those applications would have to go to the Government of India for final disposal.

After tiffin the Commissioners examined Rev. Dr. Hume of the American Marathi Mission, Ahmednagar. He said that one reason for an unsatisfactory future in general situation was that most individual Indian workers preferred to work under a European or American than under an Indian Superintendent and for this reason it was difficult for foreign missionary to place adequate responsibility on Indians. Witness also was of opinion that Indians preferred a European to an Indian judicial officer. But he could not give any instances in which Indians had preferred to go to a European Officer in preference to an Indian Officer of the same rank and position.

The Commission meets to-day at 10-30 a.m.

PROVINCIAL DECENTRALIZATION.

The following is Mr. Gokale's statement submitted to the Royal Commission on Decentralization:—

"I am strongly opposed to the present system of excessive centralization of authority in the hands of the Government of India in its relations with the Provincial Governments, but I should be even more strongly opposed to any scheme of decentralization, which, while it freed the Provincial Governments from a large part of the control exercised at present by the Supreme Government, substituted nothing in place of the control so removed. To my mind the main evil of the existing situation is not so much the "extent" of the control to which Local Governments have to submit as its purely "official" character and the distance from which it is exercised. But even mere official control, imperfectly exercised from a long distance, is better than no control and I certainly have no wish to see "petty despotisms," pure and simple, set up in place of the present Provincial Governments. It is true that the higher officials of both the Government of India and the Provincial Governments, who carry on the ordinary administration of the country, are drawn from the same Service and may therefore be assumed, other things being equal, to be equally competent to deal with finality with matters coming before them. But other things are "not" equal. The Provincial officials have indeed on their side the advantage of a more intimate knowledge of local conditions and local needs; but as against this the officials of the Government of India may claim a much greater freedom from local prejudices and local prepossessions and a wider outlook, and these are qualities which are of great importance in a country governed as India at present is. The history of the extension of Local Self-Government in this Presidency during Lord Ripon's time and the important modifications that have recently been made in the Famine and Land Revenue policy of the Bombay Government under pressure from above may be cited as fair illustrations of what I say. It may be urged that if the seat of final authority is in the Province itself, Provincial public opinion has a better chance of influencing the course of administration. But, even here, there is the balancing consideration that the tendency to resent criticism, which goes with all absolute power, is bound often to import on the official side an amount of "feeling" which cannot fail to neutralise the strength and usefulness of public opinion. If it were, therefore, merely a question of shifting the seat of final authority from Calcutta or Simla to Bombay and nothing else, I would prefer existing arrangements to any such decentralization.

But it is my hope that the scope of the question before the Commission is a much wider one than this, and it is in this hope that I come forward to advocate a large measure of decentralization. I think a stage has now been reached in this country when, in the true interests of the people as well as to arrest the growing unpopularity of the administration, it is necessary to give the representatives of tax-payers some real voice in the conduct of Provincial affairs. And any arrangements made for this purpose should not only be suited to present requirements but should also be capable of a steady expansion so as to meet satisfactorily the growing demands of the future. Now, the existing system is hopelessly ill-adapted to serve this end. The number of Provincial representatives who can have access to the Government of India—at present the final seat of authority in regard to most Provincial matters—must necessarily be most limited. Moreover their opportunities to bring up Provincial questions before that Government, with any degree of usefulness, cannot but be exceedingly few. It follows therefore that the seat of final authority in Provincial matters must be brought down to Provincial head-quarters, if popular representatives are to be placed in a position where they may exercise a real and growing influence over the course of Provincial administration. The Secretary of State for India is constantly trying at present a reform of Provincial Legislative Councils. The object has ever small scope for a real reform in this direction, unless it is accompanied by a substantial measure of decentralization relieving Provincial Governments of a large part of the control, financial and administrative, at present exercised over them by the Government of India.

To any such decentralization however, I would attach three conditions. First, the form of Government in all important Provinces should be a Governor, appointed from England, with an Executive Council. I believe in a fresh mind, trained in the free atmosphere of English public life, being applied to the problems of Indian administration from time to time. I also think that the higher responsibilities of Government in this country can be better discharged by a Council of three or four persons than by single individuals. Secondly, Provincial budget should be submitted for full discussion to Provincial Legislative Councils, which I trust will shortly be enlarged and made more representative,—members being empowered to move amendments and the budgets being required to be passed by the Councils. And thirdly, whenever a certain proportion of the elected members of a Legislative Council say one-third, send a requisition to the President of the Council asking that a specific matter concerning the Provincial administration should be brought up for discussion before a meeting of the Council; the Council should be summoned to discuss the matter. The second and third conditions aim at providing, as a substitute for a portion of the present control of the Government of India in financial and administrative matters, some sort of control on behalf of the taxpayers in the Province itself, in the shape of a free discussion in the Legislative Council.

Subject to these conditions, I would urge the following scheme of decentralization:—

First, as regards Finance:—I think there should be no divided heads of either revenue or expenditure, but certain heads of revenue with the expenditure under them should be wholly Imperial and the others wholly Provincial. I would thus assign to Provincial Governments independent sources of revenue in place of the grants which they are at present understood to receive from the Government of India. The three major heads of revenue that I would make over to the Provincial Governments are Land Revenue, Excise and Forests. These are intimately connected with the daily life of the mass of the people and they may appropriately be placed under the exclusive control of Provincial Governments. On the other hand, the revenue and expenditure under Opium, Salt, Customs, Assessed Taxes, Stamps, Registration and Tributes from Native States, together with Post, Telegraph, Mint, Railways and Major Irrigation works, may be treated as wholly Imperial. On this basis of division, the revenues of all the Provincial Governments will be found to exceed their present scale of expenditure, while the reverse will be the case with the Government of India. To make up this deficit of the Supreme Government, the Provincial Governments should make to it fixed annual contributions, which should be determined after a careful consideration of the average liability of each Province to famine as also of the need of making increased grants to Local Bodies out of Provincial resources. These contributions moreover, should be liable to be revised every five or ten years, the revision taking place at a Conference of the Revenue Members of the different Provinces, presided over by the Finance Member of the Government of India. To meet sudden and extraordinary emergencies, the Viceroy should have the power of altering the amounts of these contributions as he may deem necessary, any Local Government feeling agreed by such alteration having the right of appeal to the Secretary of State.

For the present, I would confer no powers of taxation on the Provincial Governments, but the question may be reconsidered after sufficient experience has been gained of the working of the new arrangements. Of the three heads of revenue proposed to be made over to Local Governments, the periodical revisions of land revenue, which are really in the nature of enhanced taxation, by whatever name they may be actually called, require to be subjected to a special control, as the Provincial Governments will have an obviously greater interest than hitherto in the increases of revenue resulting from them. I would, therefore, propose that all revisions of settlements should be laid for discussion before the local Legislative Councils, before they are sanctioned by the Provincial Governments.

As regards borrowing powers, these too I am inclined to keep in the hands of the Government of India, at any rate, for the present. I fear that if the Provincial Governments are empowered to borrow separately, it will be impossible to prevent competition among them or between them and the Government of India, and this will necessarily lead to higher rates of interest than at present, involving a loss to the general tax-payer. I would, however, have a rule, whereby Local Governments should be entitled to claim, where necessary, a share in the total loan annually raised by the Government of India in proportion to their revenues. During times of Famine, Local Governments, who have exhausted their famine reserve and who find it necessary to borrow, should have the first claim on the borrowing powers of the Government of India.

With reference to expenditure, I am against relaxing the present control of the Government of India in the matter of the creation of new appointments, as also about the scales of pay and pension. Barring this, I would give Local Governments full power to expend their revenues as they deem best.

Administrative Matters:—So much about financial decentralization. Coming now to matters of Administration, the first line of division that suggests itself is the the control of Military and Naval defence, Foreign affairs Currency, Customs, Post, Telegraphs, Railways, general Taxation, general Legislation and the like should always be directly in the hands of the Government of India and that the rest of the internal administration of the country should be entrusted to the Provincial Governments. In the exercise of the functions so delegated to local Governments, there should be no interference in matter of detail on the part of the Government of India. It is however necessary that large questions of policy even in regard to the internal administration of the country should be reserved by the Government of India in its hands, so as to ensure a general, but not rigid, uniformity of administration in the different Provinces, as also to initiate reforms, which if left merely, to local Governments may not be taken in hand. For instance the Government of India should have the power to prevent wide divergences of policy in different Provinces in dealing with famine or plague or to compel the carrying out of such important reforms as the free and compulsory spread of primary education, the separation of judicial from executive functions and so forth. Subject to such general control over questions of policy, the Local Governments should have a free hand in matters of Provincial administration,

DISTRICT DECENTRALIZATION.

I now come to the question of District Administration. Here too the need of decentralization is manifest, but it must be decentralization accompanied by measures for a larger association of popular representatives with the work of the administration. There is no doubt that with the multiplication of Central Departments and a steady increase in the control exercised by the Secretariat of the Provincial Government, the position of the Collector, as the head of a District, has considerably deteriorated. There is also no doubt that the people require more prompt Government, and more of it, so to say, on the spot. But this object will not be secured by a mere delegation of larger powers to the Collector. The time is gone by when the Collector could hope to exercise—and with beneficial results—a kind of paternal authority over his district. The spread of education, the influence of new ideas, the steadily growing power of the vernacular press make a return to the benevolent autocracy of the Collector of old times impossible. The only remedy lies in carrying a substantial measure of decentralization down to the villages and in building up local self government from there. It will not do to be deterred by the difficulties of the task or by the possibilities of initial failure. Village Panchayats must be created. Local and Municipal Boards must be made really popular bodies and larger resources than they can really command at present made available to them. Last, but not least, District Councils must be formed, whom the Collectors should be bound to consult in all important matters and with whose assistance they may be empowered to deal with ever-increasing finality, with question of District Administration on the spot.

Village Panchayats:—I first take the Village Panchayats. There are about 26,000 villages in the British Districts of this Presidency, of which about 16,000 have a population below 500, about 5,000 more have a population between 500 and 1,000 and the remaining above 1,000. I think in all villages with a population of 500 and over, a Panchayat should be constituted by statute, to consist of five or seven members, and that the villages below 500 should either be joined to large adjoining villages or grouped into Unions The "personal" of these Panchayats should roughly be composed of the village headman, the Police Patel of the village where he exists separately, the village Mansiff and the village Conciliator, who will now be appointed in all villages as the provisions of the Deccan Agriculturists' Relief Act, requiring their appointment, have been extended to the whole Presidency, and two or three other persons chosen by such of the villagers as pay a minimum land revenue of, say, rupees ten. These Panchayats should be invested with the following powers and functions:

(a) The disposal of simple money claims not exceeding rupees fifty in value. In regard to such claims the decision of the Panchyats should be final, unless gross partiality or fraud is alleged. It may be noted that of the total number of suits annually instituted in this Presidency—about 14 lakhs—fully or one-half or 75 thousands are claims not exceeding Rs. 50 in value. The Panchayats may be expected to administers on the spot a kind of simple justice suited to the villagers and this will be far preferable to the expense, the delays and the demoralization of the law courts. Such jurisdiction in civil matters was exercised by the Panchayats not only under the Maratha Government but even in the early days of British rule in this Presidency. The Panchayats may charge one anna in the rupee on the value of the claims as costs in the suits, parties being exempted from stamp duty and other fees.

(b) Trial of trivial offences, such as petty thefts, where the value of the property stolen does not exceed Rs. 10, simple assault, simple hurt, abuse, nuisance, &c.

(c) Execution and supervision of village works.

(d) Management of village forests.

(e) Distribution of sanctioned allotments of Tagai in the village,

(f) Carrying out measures of famine and plague relief.

(g) Control of village water-supply and sanitation.

(h) Supervision of school attendance.

(i) Management of cattle-pounds.

The funds of the Panchayats should consist of assignments made by the Taluka Board, costs of civil litigation realised, fines and penalties levied locally, realization from village forests and cattle-pound receipts. As in the case of Co-operative Credit Societies, it may be necessary for the Government to appoint a special officer to start and guide for a time these Panchayats and watch over their working.

Taluka Boards:—The next rung of the ladder of local Self-Government after Village Panchayats is Taluka Local Boards. Here the framework already exists, but the existing bodies are more or less under official domination and their resources are so meagre that it is not fair to expect the members to feel really interested in their work. The first reform that I would urge in this connection is that Taluka Local Boards should now be made wholly elected bodies. The Mamlatdar should be empowered to attend meetings, when necessary, and the Government should retain in its hands the power of enforcing action, if its advice and warning are disregarded by superseding a Board temporarily and appointing in its place a small body of nominated members. Only thus will a proper sense of responsibility be developed in these Boards; and any inconvenience that may temporarily arise will, in the end, be more than made up for by the increased efficiency of real Local Self-Government. But a reform of the constitution of the Taluka Boards will be of small value, unless steps are taken at the same time to place increased resources at their disposal. The revenue of these Boards in this Presidency consists at present mainly of such assignments as the District Local Board makes to them out of the proceeds of the one-anna cess or from contributions received from Provincial resources. In Madras, Taluka Boards retain from themselves half the proceeds of the one-anna cess and only the other half goes to the District Local Boards. With us, the District Boards control the entire distribution of the cess proceeds and after deducting the educational share as also grants to Medical and Veterinary, they retain for themselves such sums as they think to be necessary and divide the rest among the different Taluka Boards. The result is that the Taluka Boards generally receive much less than one-half the money available for distribution. Thus in three Divisions of the Presidency proper, we find that in the year 1905-06 the amounts retained by District Boards for themselves out of cess proceeds, exclusive of grants for educational, medical and veterinary purposes, and those assigned by them to the Taluka Boards were as follows:—

Northern Division.—District Boards 3·23 lakhs, and Taluka Boards 2·23 lakhs.

Central Division.—District Boards 3·64 lakhs, and Taluka Boards 1·08 lakhs.

Southern Division.—District Boards 2·38 lakhs, and Taluka Boards 37 thousand.

Again for the year 1904-05 these figures were:—

Northern Division.—District Boards 2·23 lakhs, and Taluka Boards 83 Thousand.

Central Division.—District Boards 3·53 lakhs, and Taluka Boards 1·32 lakhs.

Southern Division.—District Boards 2·72 lakhs, and Taluka Boards 99 thousand.

Now my proposal is that the entire proceeds of the one-anna cess, after deducting the educational share and the medical and veterinary grants, should be placed at the disposal of the Taluka Local Boards and that the District Boards should receive either a share of the Excise revenue or a special contribution from Provincial Exchequer to cover their loss. At present at the Taluka Board and the District Board are what may be called the smaller and the larger unit of Local Self-Government in the Districts, Instead of these, if the village Panchayat and the Taluka Board were made the smaller and the larger unit respectively, that would be more in accord with the limited extent of the resources available, and Local Self Government would yield far more satisfactory results. The areas of Indian Districts are, moreover, so large that the sense of unity of local interests, which is very strong in villages and is fairly strong in Talukas, and without which successful Local Self-Government is not possible, becomes much too diluted when we reach the District The average area of a District in the Presidency proper is about four thousand square miles and of a Taluka over four hundred square miles. Those who serve on Taluka Boards may well be expected to be fairly familiar with the condition and requirements of the different parts of the Taluka, but such personal acquaintance cannot reasonably be expected from the members of a District Board with the whole of their District. The latter therefore must largely rely on the advice of officers, either of their own or of the Government, and though they have enough local knowledge and enough sense of local unity to be able to exercise a satisfactory general control over the administration of their affairs, they are not qualified to administer those affairs personally to the same extent to which members of the Taluka Boards are qualified. If large local revenues were available for distribution, I should not mind District Boards getting a share and even a substantial share of them. But the resources available being most scanty,—not sufficient even for the local needs of the Talukas as distinct from those of the District,—I think the best plan would be to place them wholly at the disposal of Taluka Boards, thereby giving a real chance to local self-government to attain a fair standard of efficiency. The Taluka Boards should be bound to make small assignments to Village Panchayats in their areas.

As regards the powers of Taluka Boards, I think the provisions of the present Act are sufficiently comprehensive. I would, however, do away with the power, which the District Boards possess and which they constantly exercise, of altering the budgets of Taluka Boards. I would allow the latter to frame their own budgets within the limits of their resources without any outside interference. I would also empower them to combine with one another for incurring joint expenditure or entertaining joint establishment without the sanction of a higher authority.

(To be continued.)

SIEGE OF JELLALLABAD.

Commemorated at Wanowrie.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, MARCH 8.

In commemoration of the historic siege of Jellallabad, in which the 1st Battalion, Prince Albert's Somersetshire Light Infantry played a conspicuous and distinguished part, the regiment held their Annual Sports at Wanowrie on Thursday, Friday and Saturday last. Such a monster and varied programme has never hitherto been identified with any regimental sports in Poona, or probably, out of it. All three days were occupied, from morning till evening, with a variety of interesting events, and the total amount of money prizes ran into thousands of rupees, in addition to the Commanding Officers' Cup, Company Trophy and Silver and Bronze medal. The Committee itself could scarcely have been more formidable, and they had enough to do to keep them on springs during the three days they were on the ground judging and deciding events They were Major H. J. Evereth (President) Major H.C. Johnstone and Captain Yatman (Starters), Lieut H.R. Williams, Sergt. Reed and Sergt. Buckley (Ground Stewards), Lieut. Fleming, Sergt.-Major Phillips and Quarter-Master Harris, Hon. Secretaries. Besides Sports, the regiment held a Dog and Bird Show at the same time. There were no less than sixteen classes in the Show for every conceivable specimen of dogs and fer animals, exclusive of dogs; for parrots, canaries, humming pigeons, etc. The exhibits in all classes would have done credit to a more ambitious show of this character. The judging entailed a good deal of trouble, but it was satisfactorily done by Captain Paterson and Lieut. Fleming for dogs; Sergeant-Major Fitzgerald for birds, and Lieut. Owens for miscellaneous exhibits. The Show Committee were Lieutenant Smith (Hon. Secretary), Quarter-Master Sergeant Harris and Private Hayward. On Saturday, interest in the Sports was at its height and Poona Society foregathered in strength at Wanowrie to accept the hospitality of Colonel Stisted and the Officers of the Somersets, who were "At Home" in a highly festive enclosure, while Sergeant Major-Phillips and the members of the Sergeants Mess looked after their guests in an adjoining enclosure and in the shade of huge Banian trees. The Somersets have only been in Poona for a few weeks, but they have already established their popularity as hosts and sportsmen. Mrs. Stisted kindly distributed the prizes, the length of the list of which may be imagined when it is mentioned that fully an hour was occupied in the distribution.

INDIAN MINING ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 8.

The proceedings now published of the Annual meeting of the Indian Mining Association, held here last Friday, show that the Association continues to urge the need of increased Railway facilities for conveying coal from the mines. It is also protesting against proposals which have been made, for allowing the East Indian Railway and the Bengal Nagpur Railway to work the Bokaro Ramghur field. Sir Ernest Cable advocated the imposition of a cess on coal and to bring out an American Railway expert to suggest improvements in the Railway arrangements for coal carriage. Mr. W. A. Lee urged the amendment of the existing law to give more favourable prospects to companies introducing Electricity for coal cutting.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mr. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentry and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

ENGLISH SHIP-BUILDING TROUBLE.

Men Determined to Resist Reductions in Pay.

London Feb 23.

The shipbuilding employers in the north-east of England, have decided, owing to the distress arising from the depression in trade, to continue to employ, as circumstances permit, men of the trades with which they have no dispute. Hence the lockout notices to those who accepted the modified reduction in pay have been withdrawn.

The employers however, insist that the shipwrights on strike shall accept the Clyde rates of pay.

The strikers reply that the Clyde rates are equivalent to a reduction of 3s. per week on their old rates. They have, therefore determined not to resume work.

The efforts of Mr. David Lloyd-George President of the Board of Trade, to settle the strike are progressing.

Further Arrests.

London, February 22.

Prior to their being arrested the terrorists were seen loitering outside the residences of the Grand Duke Nicholas and the Minister for Justice, at St. Petersburg.

Sixty of the terrorists, including five women, are now in custody.

A Californian Explosion.

TWENTY-EIGHT PERSONS KILLED.

Ten tons of dynamite exploded in an outbuilding at the Hercules Powder Works at Berkeley, in California yesterday, killing four whites and twenty-four Chinese.

Influenza in London.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND SUFFERERS.

There are 100 000 persons in London suffering from influenza. The Prime Minister (Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman), the Secretary of State for War (Mr. R. B. Haldane), the Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. A. Birrell), and the Secretary of State for India (Mr. John Morley) are absent from the House of Commons owing to the epidemic.

Rugby Football.

NEW ZEALAND TEAM AGAIN SUCCESSFUL.

Yesterday the New Zealand team of Rugby footballers defeated a St. Helen's team by 3 goals 5 tries to 2 goals 2 tries. The home team scored 10 points before the interval to their opponents' nil, but they were playing with boisterous winds.

The Asiatic Problem.

POSITION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The members of the Vancouver Anti-Asiatic League are growing excited, owing to the action of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Prime Minister of Canada, in ordering the release of two Japanese, who were recently sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment under British Columbia's new Immigration Restriction Act. They threaten a huge parade of the streets and riots are feared.

Sir. Wilfrid Laurier is awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court of British Columbia with regard to the validity of the new law. It is generally expected that the Court will declare the Act to be unconstitutional, but if it should do otherwise the Act will be disallowed on the ground that it conflicts with the Canadian-Japanese treaty.

Red Flag at Philadelphia.

ANARCHIST GIRL LEADS A PROCESSION.

An anarchist girl, named Voltairine Cleyre, invited 1,000 unemployed Italians, Russians, and negroes at Philadelphia to carry a red flag to the city hall and to submit their grievances to the Mayor.

The invitation was accepted, but the procession, with the girl at its head, led to fierce battles with the police. A score of shots were exchanged before the riot was quelled. Some of the rioters used knives.

British Politics.

SWEATED INDUSTRIES BILL,

In the House of Commons the Sweated Industries Bill was welcomed by all sections.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Secretary of State for the Home Office, accepted a proposal to send the Bill to a Select Committee after the second-reading stage. He intimated, however, that the Government was not committed to the principle of a compulsory minimum wage.

Several members eulogised the Australasian anti-sweating regulations.

Mr. Gladstone said he thought the Victorian system would stand the test of time, but so far it had not been tested. Some of the machinery of the Victorian Act was necessary to make a practical measure. It would be extremely hard to provide a workable remedy for sweating, but experimental legislation was justifiable owing to the wretchedness of the workers.

The Bill was read a second time, and was sent to the Select Committee on Home Work.

The American Fleet.

AUSTRALIA'S INVITATION.

The authorities at Washington are highly gratified at the invitation of Mr. Alfred Deakin to the American battleship fleet to visit Australia.

Mr. V. H. Metcalf, Secretary for the American Navy, and the heads of his department are grateful for the cordiality shown by the Commonwealth Prime Minister. The invitation is to receive serious consideration.

Mr. G. W. Smalley, "Times" correspondent at New York, states that the reply by Mr. Elihu Root American Secretary of State, to the Commonwealth's invitation is interesting, as it is the first responsible utterance confirming the rumour that the fleet is to undertake a world's tour.

WEDDING PREPARATIONS AT KOLHAPUR.

Arrival of Maharaja Scindia.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KOLHAPUR, MARCH 8.

Kolhapur had the honour to welcome illustrious guests in the person of His Highness the Maharaja Scindia, who arrived by special this morning with his mother Maharani Saheb and sister to congratulate His Highness Chhatrapati Maharaj on the approaching wedding of Princess Aka Saheb Radhabai.

A grand reception was held at the station. A Guard-of-Honour from Kolhapur Infantry presented arms and the usual salutes were fired in honour of the guests. On arrival the Maharaja Scindia was welcomed by the Chhatrapati Maharaja and Colonel Ferris, Political Agent, and Sardars, Officers and Mankaris. The Dowager and the present Maharanis of Gwalior and other ladies were received by the Maharanis of Kolhapur. A grand procession, the biggest seen in Kolhapur, was formed. The chief guest, with the Princes of Kolhapur, was seated on an elephant, beautifully caparisoned. He was followed by carriages with postillions and four-in-hands accompanied by the brother, the sister and Maharani of His Highness Scindia, accompanied by the grand-mother, daughter and Maharani of the Chhatrapati Maharaj. The total number of carriages was about 800, besides horses, elephants and other paraphernalia.

The road to the new palace, the residence of the guest, was tastefully decorated with flags, buntings and triumphal arches and every one vied with the others in honouring the illustrious guests.

HYDERABAD NOTES.

The severest shock ever experienced by Colonel the Nawab Afsur-ul-Mulk, Bahadur, was the news last Saturday of the death by drowning of his son, Nawab Nadir Jung, a promising young man of about 26 years of age and an Assistant District Engineer attached to H. H. Nizam's P. W. D. The deceased and his brother-in-law, Nawab Mumtaz Yar-ud-Daula, went to Kamareddypett on a duck-shooting excursion. They boarded a punt accompanied by two servants and took to the tank, but before they got to the middle of it the boat struck against an unseen rock and capsized, each of the occupants receiving some injuries in the scramble that followed. Mumtaz Yar-ud-Daula and the two followers managed to get ashore—the former miraculously, as he was in an exhausted condition; but poor Nadir Jung, who is said to have hit his head by coming in contact with the boat, sank into the water and became entangled in the weeds, never to rise again. Later on, divers were employed and the body of the unfortunate young man was recovered and brought to Hyderabad by a special train. News of the sad accident was received by the aged father with heart-breaking pangs, and cast a gloom over all the occupants of "Rahut Munzil" at Saifabad. The funeral, which needless to say was numerously attended by the élite of the station and a host of sympathisers, took place on Sunday morning, when the remains were interred in the "thakya" or burial-ground at Khairatabad The accident becomes all the sadder as on the same day Nawab Nadir Jung was drowned he was appointed Personal Assistant to the Superintending Engineer, P. W. D., at headquarters.

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I much regret to record another death. Lieutenant William Abraham, of the African Cavalry Guard, went out shooting last week and returned home with an attack of brain fever, which developed into heat apoplexy. On Saturday morning, 29th February, the symptoms became most critical and the patient died about noon The remains of the deceased officer were laid to rest on Sunday morning in the Chadderghat New Cemetery with full military honours. The late Lieutenant W. Abraham comes of a family well known in business in Southern India and leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss. They have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

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There is some reason to believe that "Esperanto" is destined to find recognition even is so benighted city as is Hyderabad. Dr. Pollen, who has paid a visit, delivered a lecture at the Young Men's Improvement Society, in which he endeavoured to explain what the "linguistic compound" intended to do in the way of a universal language. Unfortunately the address was received with mixed sentiments. One of the audience rose up and said that "Esperanto" might do very well for Europe or America, but it is out of the question for India Another remarked, "after the affair," that our local aspirants to higher education will have scored admirably did they succeed in mastering the English language, which in itself is a gigantic perhaps an impossible task, "the idea of rushing into the Esperanto cult was simply ludicrous, if no ridiculous."

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Last Tuesday evening a young man in the employ of Dr. Mullanah, who resides on the road leading to King Koti from the Residency, climbed a tamarind tree on the premises to pluck some fruit. In his anxiety to get as much as he could, he went to the top, but losing his hold of the branches he fell head foremost and died a few minutes later, death being due to concussion of the brain and hœmorrhage. After the usual "panchnama" held by the Police, the remains of the deceased were made over to his relatives for disposal in the usual manner.

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During the middle of last year, Nawab Abd l Kadir Khan, who is a lineal descendant of the once famous family of Arcot imbued with the idea of establishing a Leper Asylum in Hyderabad in commemoration of the Nizam's 43rd birthday, formulated a scheme and calling together at a public meeting a large number of gentlemen whom he thought would be interested in it, urged all that he considered necessary for the philanthropic object in view. It was then that a committee was formed with the Nawab himself as its Secretary. It was understood that the Resident and the Minister had promised him their help; but like everything else on this portion of the map, as time wore on enthusiasm began to wane, and perhaps the matter would have been forgotten ere now, had not the Reverend Father Pagani, the Catholic Parish Priest of Chadderghaut, thrown himself heart and soul into the movement and endeavoured to enl

SPORTING NEWS.

RACING.

Bombay Twelfth Extra Meeting.

FORFEIT WINS AGAIN.

THE game dies hard in Bombay and quite a big and busy attendance on Saturday witnessed a good day's racing, seven events figuring and filling well with punters having a bit the better of the deal.

Opening with the first division of the Karjat Plate, a good thing was found in Basheer who, with Robinson up, looked the moral he was. The second was more open, Amood being favourite but lacking the necessary dash for the distance. That smart printer Happy Land made all his own running from the third favourite, Mountain King, and won well though anything over half a mile troubles him.

Meerjan, who dead-heated with Bay Middleton recently, was equally fancied with Vasco for the Khandalla Plate. His seven furlong performance suggested his staying the mile, and he did comfortably keeping Grey Falcon off.

In the other mile race, the Lanowli Plate, Dhafer justified the confidence of his supporters, Moscow, Dhamas and Sialkote were with him to the second enclosure where Forster asked the question and went away easily.

Ten went up for the horse race, the Goodwood Plate of six furlongs with Manlock and St Patrick fancied. H. H. the Maharaja of Rewa has become an owner but the distance is too short for circuit. Ianthe, St Patrick and Manlock were fighting it out when Forfeit came and literally cantered past. This is his third win despite his promotion to 9st.

The Hunters' Flat had a field of thirteen and but a few looked anything like racing. Mr. Crawford's pair, Bluey and Haphazard were best fancied and he brought the former home a winner though had the second string had a stronger finisher up, the result would undoubtedly have been otherwise.

In the last, the Little Strangers' Selling Plate, three stood out, Veto, Ateyba and Hooded Falcon. It was a good race, the last getting there after a good dose of the whip.

Details :—

THE FIRST KARJAT PLATE—Winner, Rs. 500; second, Rs. 200; third, Rs. 100. For Arabs 13-3 and under which were maidens on 1st April, 1907, and which have not won flat race value Rs. 500 or over since that date, 13 3 to carry 9st. W. I. Penalties—Winner: once 4lbs; twice, 7lbs., oftener, 12lbs—Distance—5 furlongs.

Mr A S Comer's Basheer 9st 11b .....Robinson 1
Mr Wallace's Ragub 1st 11b .....Kamad 2
Mr Mujeed Jurgi's Silver Stream 8st 5lbs .....Heeroo 3
Mr Shamlan's Viceroy 8st 5lbs cd. 8st 6lbs ...J Taylor 4

Also ran :—Zari 9st 11b. Adham 9st 11b, Sir George 8st 2lbs, Little John 8st 2lb, Aden 8st 2lb, Pootas 7st 8lb, and Mu zook 7st 13lbs.

Betting :—5 to 4 against Basheer, 4 to 1 Ragub and Zari, 8 to 1 Silver Stream, Viceroy and Murzook, 10 to 1 the others.

The Race.—A fair start in which Little John jumped out to soon fall back to Silver Stream who se led down to lead Basheer, Zari and Murzook. B fore the b nd Basheer led going e sy and though Ragub came up won pulling up by a length and three quarters, half next.

Time.—1 min 8 1-5 secs.

SECOND KARJAT PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 500; second, Rs. 200; third, Rs. 100. For Arabs 13-3 and under which were maidens on 1st April, 1907, and which have not won flat race value Rs. 500 or over since that date, 13-3 to carry 9st. W. I. Penalties—Winner: once 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs, oftener, 12lbs—Distance 5 furlongs.

Mr A K Readymoney's Happy Land 8st 9lbs. J Killorn 1
Mr Wallace's Mountain King 8st 12lbs.....Kamad 2
Mr M Ali's Young Chand 8st 5lbs cd 8st 6lbs J Taylor 3
Mr Khalil Dooter's Amood 9st 4lbs.....A Hoyt 4

Also ran.—Arab Prince 9st 11b, Jalmood 8st 12lbs Shrvin 8st 11bs, Talib 8st 8lbs, Japanese Flag 8st 2lbs, Hishan 7st 13lbs, Virtuous Bay 7st 13lbs. Arif 7st 13lbs.

Betting—2 to 1 against Amood, 5 to 2 Happy Land, 3 to 1 Mountain King, 8 to 1 Arab Prince, and 10 to 1 the others.

The Race.—Japanese Flag was soon passed by Happy Land who led Mountain King and Virtuous Bay. Mountain King came at the leader down the straight, but the Grey went away to win by three lengths, one and a quarter next.

Time—1min 7 4-5secs.

THE KHANDALLA PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 500, second, Rs 200; third, Rs. 100. A High Weight Handicap for Arabs, 14 hands and under. Distance—1 mile.

Mr D Rustomjee's Meerjan 7st 6lbs.....Manley 1
Aga S Shah's Grey Falcon 8st 9lbs.....Kamad 2
Mr F Tejpal's Antica 7st 13lbs.....Heeroo 3
Mr Ali bin Talib's Golden Mint 8st 11lbs.....J Taylor 4

Also ran :—Red 9st 6lbs, Vasco 8st 10lb, False Start 8st 5lbs, Madras 7st 9lbs, Company 7st 3lbs, Sailor 7st 3lbs, Caravan 7st 3 lbs, Young Salamander 7st (car 7st 1lb) Snigger 6st 9lbs (cd. 6st 12lbs) Patna 6st 7lb (cd. 6st, 11lbs), Wadi 6st 4lbs cd. 6st 9lbs.

Betting—4 to 1 against Grey Falcon, Meerjan, and Vasco, 5 to 1 Gold Mint, 6 to 1 Red and False Start, 8 to 1 Company and longer odds the rest.

The Race.—Madras gave trouble; then Saeed jumped out leading Wadi, Meerjan, Grey Falcon, Gold Mint and Red in that order. At the three furlongs Meerjan came with a run into the lead. Grey Falcon and Gold Mint came at him but he stayed on to win fairly comfortably by three quarters, one and a half next and very close fourth.

Time—1min 51 2-5secs.

THE LANOWLI PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 500; second, Rs. 300; third, Rs. 100. For Arabs which were maidens on 1st April, 1907—and which have not won flat race value Rs. 500 or over since that date W. A. reduced 3lbs Penalties.—Winners: once 4lbs; twice 7lbs, oftener 12lbs. Allowance—Ponies 14 hands and under 5lbs. Distance—1 Mile.

Mr Hoosin Obayed's Dhafer 8st 11lbs .....Forster 1
Mr Dawood Esack's Moscow 8st 10lbs .....Heeroo 2
Mr J M Jeevanjee's Dhamas 9st 4lbs .....J Killorn 3
Mr S A Waheed's Sialkote (late Salaam) 8st 4lbs (carried 8st 5lbs).....Comerkhan 4

Also ran.—Recruit 9st 4lbs, Rashad 9st 11b, Swallow 9st, Come Soon 8st 11lbs, Ejector 8st 11lbs, Idle 8st 6lbs, Great Hope 8st 4lbs, Ajeel 8st 10lbs (carried 6st 11lbs, Clincher 6st 3lbs (carried 6st 11lbs.)

Betting.—2 to 1 against Dhafer, 5 to 2 Dhamas, 4 to 1 Rashad, 6 to 1 Ajeel, Moscow and Swallow, 8 to 1 Recruit, ongeroddsthe others.

The Race :—Recruit soon gave way to Sialkote, Dhafer, Moscow and Dhamas. These four were running level past the stand when Dhafer went away with something in hand to win by two lengths, head next and fair fourth. Time—1min. 52 2/5secs.

THE GOODWOOD PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 500; second, Rs. 200; third, Rs. 100. A High Weight Handicap for Horses. Distance—6 furlongs.

Aga S Shah's Forfeit 9st .....A Hoyt 2
Mr M Goculdass' Ianthe 7st 12lbs .....Kamal 1
Mr Kelso's St Patrick 8st 6 lbs .....J Killorn 3
Mr A J DeSouza's Manlock 8st 4lbs .....Robinson 4

Also ran.—Circuit 8st 11lbs, Gun Metal 8st 8lbs, Faded Lily 8st 8lbs, Lady Lomond 8st, Winsome 7st 5lbs and Rosewater 7st 2lbs.

Betting.—2 to 1 against St Patrick and Manlock, 4 to 1 Faded Lily, 5 to 1 Ianthe and Forfeit, 10 to 1 the others.

The Race.—Winsome showed one but after half a furlong Faded Lily led St. Patrick, Ianthe and Gun Metal. Faded Lily and Gun Metal fell away before the bend where Manlock came up to the other two. A great race ensued till Forfeit came outside at the half distance and passing them won easily by a length; next a neck and very close fourth.

Time—1min 14 2-5secs.

HUNTER'S FLAT RACE.—(CLOSED) Winner Rs. 200; second Rs. 100; third Rs. 50. For Horses which have never won flat race value Rs. 53 or over, and which are the "bona fide" property of Members of the Bombay Hunt. Distance 1 mile 5 furlongs.

Mr J Crawford's Bluey 12st.....Owner 1
Mr J Crawford's Haphazard 12st carried 12st 4lbs. Captain Crosse 2
Lt Col Bull's Blarney 10st 4lbs.....Mr O Symons 3
Mr. Rommell's The State 12st carried 12st 4lbs Mr Griffin 4

Also ran:—Sloth II 12st 4lbs, Curlew 12st, Success 12st, Archie 12st, Roland 12st, carried 12st 4lbs; Firefly 12st, Larry 12st, Eclipse 12lbs, Goodluck 12st.

Betting.—7 to 2 against Bluey, 4 to 1 Sloth II and Haphazard, 5 to 1 Archie and Goodluck; 10 to 1 the others.

The Race.—From a good start Roland led Goodluck and The State till at the mile The State led and Haphazard followed him with Goodluck falling away a furlong later. At the five furlongs Success came up to take the lead followed by Sloth, Haphazard and Bluey with Blarney next. At the distance Bluey took the lead and staying out won by a length and a half, half next and the tail straggling out over two furlongs.

Time—3mins 15 2-5secs.

LITTLE STRANGER'S SELLING PLATE—Winner Rs 200; second, Rs. 100; third Rs 500. For Arabs 13-4 and under, handed since 1st July, 1907, 13 3 entered for Rs 1,200 to carry 10st W. I. 3lbs for each Rs 100 down to Rs 400. Distance—5 furlongs.

Aga S Shah's Hooded Falcon (400) 7st 0lbs...Kamad 1
Mr A S Comer's Veto (400) 7st 6lbs car 7st 9lbs, Heeroo 2
Messrs. Goculdas and Nanjee's Ateyba (400) 8st 4lbs Robins n 3
Mr M Besher's Haymaker (400) 7st 3lbs .....Abdoola 4

Also ran—Hariff (500) 8st 7lbs car 8st. 8lbs, Clarke (400) 8st 4lbs car 8st 6lbs, Lenzo (600) 7st 12lbs Trouble (600) 7st 12lbs, Zarzoor (400) 7st 9lbs. Little Boy (400) 7st 9lbs, Gwalior. 600) 7st 9lbs' Mijlad (500) 7st.

Betting—5 to 2 against Ateyba, and Veto, 7 to 2 Hooded Falcon, 6 to to 1 Lenzo and Trouble and longer odds the rest.

The Race—Mijlad shewed out for a moment to be passed by Veto and Hooded Falcon and then by Ateyba At the bend Hooded Falcon came at the leader and in a great race with whips cut the grey lasted better and won by a length and a quarter, three quarters next and poor fourth.

Time—1min 9 2-5secs. Winner bought in for Rs. 1,000.

CALCUTTA RACES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 7.

Racing to-day was good, though the attendance was very scanty. The public had the better of the exchanges at first or second. The favourites got Home in most of the events. The heat was very great. Details:—

PONY CONSOLATION PLATE.

Mr Rose's Primrose, 9st 2lbs, ...Ames 1
Capt H N Holden's Thelma 7st 11lbs. .....Kala Khan 2
Mr. Bunting's Lady Vera, 9st 5lbs. .....Mr Evers 3

Also ran—Miss Beryl 6st 12lbs.

Betting—2 to 1 on Lady Vera, 2 to 1 against Primrose, 6 to 1 Thelma and Miss Beryl.

Totalisator paid Rs 30 to win, Rs 16 and Rs 41 for places.

Thelma and Primrose made the running into the straight. At the distance Primrose went to the front, and won by a lengths; 3 lengths between second and third.

Time—1min 19 1-2 secs.

BALACLAVA PLATE.

Mr W O B Hutchison's Dalhousie 11st, 7lbs.....Mr. Evers 1
Mr H. Tremearne's Lily, 11st 7lbs .....Owner 2
Mr W B Betson's Jorrocks 11st, 7lbs .....Mr Lewis 3
Mr W S J Wilson's Swashbuckler 11st, 7lbs Mr Graves 4

Also ran—Forest King 11st 7lbs; Glencoe 11st 7lbs; Sheila, 11st 7lbs and Naliesin, 11st 7lbs.

Betting—2 to 1 on Dalgai; 6 to 4 against Lily; 8 to 1 Sheila and Naliesin; 12 to 1 Swashbukler; 15 to 1 Jorrocks and 30 to 1 the others.

Totalisator paid Rs. 19 to win; Rs. 131 Rs. 13 and Rs. 21 for place.

Dalgai and Swashbuckler cut out the running. Dalgai and Lily entered the straight together, and the former won in a canter by 3 lengths; same distance between second and third.

Time—2 mins 27 1-4secs.

SPRINTER'S CONSOLATION PLATE.

Mr W H Walmsley's Jack Sheppard 9st 5lbs.....Drew 1
Mr G B Paris' Tana 8st 9lbs .....O'Neil 2
Mr M Rodocanachi's Downland 7st 8lbs. .....Davis 3
Mr J C Galstaun's Diakkaway 9st 8lbs.....Fraser 4

Also ran.—Bundah 9st 12lbs; Mercedes 9st 9lbs; Mereworth 9st 4lbs; and Nirvana 7st 10lbs.

Betting.—2 to 1 on Tana, 5 to 2 Jack Sheppard, 3 to 1 Bundah, Diakkhaway, Mereworth, 6 to 1 Downland, 10 to 1 Mercedes and 12 to 1 Nirvana.

Totalisator paid Rs. 53. to win, Rs. 18, Rs, 17 and Rs. 26 for places.

Diakkaway Jack Sheppard and Tana was the order into the straight. Tana came up to second place at the distance, but could not catch Jack Sheppard, who won by 2 1-2 lengths, 1 length between second and third.

Time—1 min 17 1-4 secs.

FAREWELL PLATE.—Divided Handicap.

Mr J C Galstaun's Windy 9st 2lbs ..... Fraser 1
Messrs Paris and Mashall's Monette 8st 13lbs.....O'Neill 2
Mr Torrington's Pended 10st 5lbs.....Drew 3
Mr J Rowan's Sir Roland 7st 12lbs.....Ames 4

Also ran:—Blitzen 10st 3lbs; Dunsinane 10st 11b; Pure Gold 10st 11b; Carnival 10st 7lbs; Lipscomb 9st 11lbs; Fog 9st 9lbs; Elijin 9st 5lbs; and Colina 8st 11b.

Betting.—2 to 1 on Morette, 3 to 1 Elijin, 4 to 1 Windy, Lipscombe and Sir Roland; 6 to 1 Pure Gold, Fox and Colina and 12 to 1 the others.

Totalisator paid Rs. 49 to win; Rs. 21, Rs. 16 and Rs 38 for places.

Windy led all the way; Morette endeavoured to get on level terms in the run home; but had not enough left Windy won by two lengths; 11 lengths between second and third.

Time—1 min 29 secs.

FAREWELL PLATE.

Mr J C Galstaun's Runaway Girl 8st 12lbs .....Fraser 1
Mr R D Cozzan's Pallas 8st 9lbs .....O' eill "
Mr J Rowan's Sir Ulric 9st 12lbs.....Ames 3
Mr R A C Pugh's Ocean Bride 9st 5lbs.....Drew 4

Also ran.—Sprinzlock 9st 12lbs; Seamander 9st 11lbs; Creel 9st 11lbs; Bouquet 9st 10lbs; Black Wolf 9st 5lbs Morsel 9st 2lbs; Galley Slave 9st 2lbs and Lasso 8st 9lbs.

Betting—2 to 1 on Runaway Girl, 6 to 1 Sir Ulric, Pallas and Ocean Bride. 8 to 1 Morsel, 10 to 1 Seamander and Black Wolf and 12 to 1 the others.

Totalisator paid Rs. 33 to win, Rs. 16, Rs. 26 and Rs. 41 for places.

Morsel and Ocean Bride made the running to the straight. From the distance Runaway Girl came away with Pallas, the former winning comfortably by 3 lengths. 1 length between second and third.

Time—1 min 31 1/4 secs.

AMATEUR HANDICAP—Distance 6 miles.

Mr Williams' Raffles 7st 13lbs .....Ames 1
Mr A Gamble's Lady Butworth 10st 2lbs...Mr Evers 2
Capt H N Holden's Jasper 10st 12lbs.....Owner 3
Capt H L Fraser's Idle 10st 8lbs .....Owner 4

Also ran:—Tehee 11st 11lbs; Yuglebar 11st 5lbs; St Rule 10st 12lbs; Moachin 10st 12lbs; Query 9st 12lbs; (Drew); Wake Up 9st 11lbs and Danger 9st 3lbs.

Betting:—6 to 4 on Query, 5 to 2 Lady Bentworth; 4 to 1 Raffles, Jasper and Danger; 6 to 1 Wake Up; 8 to 1, Yuglebar, St Rule and Idle and 10 to 1 the others.

Totalisator paid Rs 73 to win, Rs 21, Rs 18 and Rs 20 for places.

Raffles jumped away and secured a lead, which he never lost, although close pressed in the run home by Lady Bentworth. Won by a short head; 1½ lengths between 2nd and 3rd.

Time—1 min 20 secs.

LONG DISTANCE CONSOLATION PLATE.

Mr C R Pittingham's the Cingalee 8st 2lbs .....Fraser 1
Mr A N Dass' Clynder 6st 5lbs .....Davis 2
Mr Charles' Steinhager 10st 10lbs .....Drew 3
Mr E J Marshall's Kipling 10st 2lbs .....Mr Evers 4

Also ran.—Silphoe 7st 4lbs; Betrayer 6st.

Betting :—Evens Kipling; 6 to 4 Cingalee; 4 to 1 Silphoe; 6 to 1 Steinbager and Betrayer, and 12 to 1 Clynder.

Totalisator paid Rs 29 to win; Rs 14, Rs 21 and Rs 17 for places.

Cingalee, Silphoe and Clynder went away in the order named and kept these places to the straight. Cingalee was challenged from the distance by Clynder, but won by a neck after a good finish. 1½ lengths between second and third.

Time—2 mins 38⅘ secs.

BILLIARDS.

The Amateur Championship.

The first game in connection with the Amateur Billiard Championship at Pyrke's Saloon came off on Friday night when Messrs. Hallam and Pyrke met. It was generally expected the former would win, but a most exciting finish was seen. Hallam at first took a lead which he made a hundred on completing his third hundred. Helped by a fine 53, Pyrke caught him but he went away again. As the end approached, Pyrke played consistently and gradually drew up till the game stood 497-493; Hallam missed a difficult screw in off white and Pyrke bringing off a fine cannon ran out. His best were 53, 40, 24 and 20 twice, Hallam's 40, 36, 35, 29, 27, 24 and 22 twice. Score :—

Mr. Pyrke 500
Mr. Hallam 497

Messrs. Meyer and Hargreaves meet to-night.

R. B. Y. C. REGATTA.

Sixth and Seventh Days.

Friday was the day annually set apart for the amusement of the populace and a long programme of a varied nature was carried through.

The first event was a race for the small yachts, sailed by their tindals and manned entirely by native crews. The start was time in hand from alongside the schooner, thus avoiding he perils of a flying start. After much exertion on the part of the Hon. Secretary the boats were arranged alongside and despatched one by one on their course. There was a fine breeze and the race was quite a good one. Jean was an easy first with Coralie second. Curlew was disqualified as her own tindal did not sail her and she also fouled another boat.

The entries for the rowing races were reduced in numbers as the Highflyer was unfortunately preparing for sea, but the Flagship rose nobly to the occasion. There was a cutter race for native crews on the programme but there were no entries, but the Hyacinth supplied two smart crews for that for European crews and they put up a pretty race.

The All Comers race attracted great interest, the Pinnace especially being most majestic with her huge lead of men. The Galley pulling eight oars was looked on as a likely winner but to the general surprise she was out of it altogether. The Mess Kit race in which the boats were propelled by means of dinner plates was most amusing, and it was really surprising to see the pace at which the boats could be made to travel. One crew nobly added to the general happiness by getting themselves up in the fanciest of fancy dress, though we should be puzzled to put a name to the dresses worn.

There was a good entry for the Jolly Boat race, the start of which was most amusing and exciting. There were also races for tonies and for yachts' dinghies. The final event was a race for dinghies with owners up. This was won by Mr. Morrison in Trixie's dinghy. The first prize was a solid silver rupee. Mr. Macbeth, rowing with a vigour which put many of the junior yachtsmen to shame, took the second prize of eight annas while the Hon. Secretary showed he was not yet exhausted by his labours, by winning the third prize of four whole annas. Everything must come to an end, even the Bombay Regatta, and Saturday was an excellent wind up. There was only a fair breeze at starting time but it soon hardened and finally settled down to a fine dashing breeze giving all hands plenty to do and freshening everyone up.

The first race was the third and last for the Challenge Cup. Everyone was delighted to see the familiar figure of our Commodore at the helm of Turquoise, and he showed us that though he has been conspicuous mostly for his absence of late, his hand has not lost its cunning and he gave Sapphire a fin race for her money. Sapphire soon took the lead on the run while Turquoise kept close to Melody. Turquoise got to work very quickly after rounding South Karanja and soon ran away from Melody. Sapphire had to do her very best to keep, her lead but she did it and had four minutes in hand after the long reach from Sunk Rock to North Karanja. On the beat in Turquoise actually did the best of the three and was less than two and a half minutes behind Sapphire when the Committee vessel was reached. Melody was being sailed for all she was worth but there was too much wind for her and she was ten minutes behind the leader. There was little doubt now as to the issue of the race, but Turquoise was out for a race and meant having it and she hustled Sapphire all round the course, being only three minutes and a few odd seconds behind her at the line. Sapphire thus wins the Challenge Cup for the year, we believe for the fourth time.

We were sorry to miss Sayanora again from B Class, but in any case it would hardly have been her day. Five started all in a heap Erin took the lead on the run down and was first round South Karanja with Peewit next. There was a fine wholesail breeze and a nice little jump of a sea, and Peewit at once began to treat spectators to one of her well known performances, for long periods nothing but her bottom being visible from the windward side. She struggled on to Sunk Rock rounding long after C Class and then wisely gave up. Trixie went away after Erin, but could not catch her while Pixie seemed to be quite out of control and dropped hopelessly to the rear. Erin kept her lead right away to the end sailing very well indeed and making no mistakes but had to be content in the end with second prize, failing to save her time by fifteen seconds only.

Coralie was missing from C Class but the other eight were all ready for the fray. Tomtit was too soon and had to get back while the rest were pretty well together except for Lapwing, late for once in a way.

Running down, Curlew and Wagtail took the lead and were first and second at the buoy. Tomtit had pulled up into line and was third with Meg fourth. The others were all close up, Maud having done the worst on the run. The little boats soon began to kick up their heels after rounding and the spray flew freely over boats and crews impartially. Tomtit at once began to work away with Meg in pursuit. Wagtail although reefed down was soon in difficulties and her skipper had a lively time. Lapwing and Maud worked more up harbour and the former was going in much better form than she has been showing lately. Tomtit and Meg were bothered by a native boat near Sunk Rock which let Lapwing up on them and she very nearly beat Meg at the turn. Maud also had the same kind of trouble and lost ground through having to bear away. Jean did wonderfully well on the beat, sailing as close and as fast as the rest. The strong breeze sent all along at a tremendous pace on the reach to North Karanja and Lapwing got past Meg and closed a little on Tomtit. The three leaders were separated from the rest by quite a long interval at the buoy. Pixie was dreadfully in the way at the turn. Lapwing getting under her lee went about to clear, but Pixie followed and firmly blanketed the smaller boat again. Lapwing in desperation took another tack up harbour to get quite clear, and overstood a bit. Tomtit stood further up harbour than any of the others and overdid it by a good deal. Meg fairly woke up on this beat and showed Tomtit a clean pair of heels, being nearly two minutes ahead at the finish. Valkyrie, Curlew and Jean had a good race on their own, Jean giving an unexpected exhibition of her windward powers and finally coming in winner by half a minute from Lapwing, Meg being third.

The absence of the Highflyer's made a sad gap in the ranks of the ships' boats, but the Hyacinth did her best and put in six boats, making a total of eight with the two from Butcher Island. The S. M. Galley was in difficulties soon after the start and gave up while the crew of the S. M. Cutter could not get on terms at all with their boat when they brought her to the wind, and the two pinnaces soon worked out a long lead on the windward work sticking close together and leaving the rest at a great pace They were close together at the Sunk Rock and ran down to the Mark Buoy neck and neck It was a long hard thrash home from the Mark Buoy, the northerly wind having made it a dead lee mark. It was a good test of skill in sailing and the way the two boats kept together was most surprising. After a prolonged tussle they arrived at the Committee vessel in line abreast but the second pinnace had the weather berth and most cleverly took full advantage of it, stalling off a desperate attempt of her rival to get under her stern and finally leaving her in irons almost on the winning line. Truly a most successful finish to a good race and an appropriate wind up to the Regatta.

Next week the Cup presented by the Officers, Warrant Officers, N. C. Os. and men of the Royal Engineers in Bombay will be raced for by A. B. and C. Classes combined, and we hope there will be a full entry.

The following Races sailed on Saturday :—

THIRD CHALLENGE CUP RACE—Sailed at 2 p m

Name of Boats	Time Allows M S	Entered by	Start at H M	Time of Arrival. H M S	Corrected Time. H M S
Sapphire ..	2 00	R B H Hopkins & Capt Muter, R E	3	6 17 18	2 14 28
Turquoise...	Scr	F J Preston	3	6 29 21	2 26 21
Melody ...	8 35	J B K Macbeth ...	3	6 36 53	2 28 6

Course No. 7+3=17·2 miles.—1st Prize won by Sapphire and 2nd Prize won by Turquoise Wind N N W. Strength Fresh—Time-limit—7 p.m.

B CLASS HANDICAP RACE—Sailed at 3-15 p m.

Name of Boats	Time Allows M S	Entered by	Start at H M	Time of Arrival H M S	Corrected Time H M S
Erin	Scr	R W Fisher, and J S Parker....	3 15	5 33 27	2 18 27
Manikin ...	2 39	Officers, R A	3 15	5 35 49	2 18 10
Sayonara..	2 39	Mr A Erickson and Mr A L Whitell	3 15	Did not start	
Trixie	Scr	Officers, Royal Scots	3 15	5 36 27	2 21 27
Peewit.....	3 32	F V Evans and D Fraser	3 15	Gave up	
Pixie	1 46	J R Aspinwall and E Y Watson ..	3 15	5 47 40	2 20 54

Course No. 4 = 10¾ miles.—1st Prize won by Manikin and 2nd Prize won by Erin Wind N N W Strength Fresh

C CLASS HANDICAP RACE—Sailed at 3-20 p.m.

Name of Boats	Time Allows M S	Entered by	Start at W M	Time of Arrival. H M S	Corrected Time H M S
Lapwing..	6 11	Capt R S J Gillespie R E	3 20	5 49 32	2 23 21
Maud	Scr	Officers R E	3 20	5 51 40	2 21 40
Coralie....	8 50	Major Mead	3 20	Did not starts	
Jean.....	15 1	O N Moberley	3 20	5 57 51	2 22 50
Pomtit....	2 39	Dr F M Gibson ..	3 20	5 48 55	2 26 16
Meg	3 39	Lieut A G Trench R E	3 20	5 47 8	2 24 29
Valkyrie...	10 36	H E Johnson and R Walker	3 20	5 58 42	2 28 6
Curlew....	5 18	C A Wedgeworth..	3 20	5 56 48	2 31 30
Wagtail ..	5 18	R Carruthers	3 20	6 25 30	3 0 12

Course No. 7 = 10·6 miles 1st Prize won by Jean 2nd Prize won by Lapwing and 3rd Prize won by Meg.

SHIPS BOAT RACE—Sailed at 3-3 p.m.

Names of Boats.	Time Allows. M S	Entered by	Start at H M	Time of Arrival. H M S	Corrected Time. H M S
Pinnace I	Scr	H M S Hyacinth ..	3 30	6 44 32	3 14 32
Pinnace II	Scr	H M S Hyacinth...	3 30	6 44 4	3 13 4
34' Cutter	11 54	H M S Hyacinth	3 30	7 9 45	3 27 51
34' Cutter I	23 48	H M S Hyacinth	3 30	Not timed	
30' Cutter II	23 48	H M S Hyacinth	3 30	do	
30' Gig ..	9 24	H M S Hyacinth	3 30	do	
26' Cutter	11 54	S M Defences	3 30	Not timed	
32' Galley	13 18	do	3 30	do	
32' Galley..	15 18	H M S Hyacinth	3 30	7 7 25	2 32 9

Course No 38—10 16 miles—1st Prize won by H Pinnace H scinth, 2nd Prize won by 1 Pinnace Hyacinth and Prize won by 34' Cutter Hyacinth—Wind N N W Strength Fresh

BOMBAY HUNT.

The Meet yesterday morning of the Bombay Foxhounds was at Parla, and a field of sixty to seventy people assembled there at daybreak. Some new ugly bungalows, which have recently been erected in the very field where for years we have been accustomed to meet, have not by any means added to the beauty of the spot. They have made the situation for a meet of a large number of the followers of the chase somewhat cramped, and it was rather a crush going along the narrow lane from the meet to the covert side. On reaching the woods on the outskirts of the village the Pack was once told us that a jackal had been in the vicinity during the previous night. This covert is almost a certain place to find a jackal, as these nocturnal animals come down to the village during the dark hours of the night in search of food. The fine specimen found there yesterday morning was a grand sample of his breed, as the excellent hunt we enjoyed was one of the best of this exceptionally good season. Leaving the covert, hounds ran across a pleasant stretch of ricefields, many of the banks surrounding which have lately been built up higher in preparation for next monsoon. They accordingly made first class jumps for our horses. Skirting the covert, which is usually the first to be drawn when the meet is at the Cross Roads, we continue across the far end of the melon ground, which is not at all bad going, and gallop up the Bomanwadi Hill. Continuing through the plantations between the villages of Chuckla and Bomanwadi, we gallop through a dried up tank and straight across the valley named after the latter village as hard as our horses can carry us. Keeping in the same direction we come to some excellent firmly turfed grass-fields, bounded on either side by stout cactus hedges, and eventually cross the Tulsi Main Water Pipe at no great distance from the brushwood, where the second jackal was found on Thursday morning. Keeping a similar line to the hunt as on that day it seemed as if the fugitive was making for the Backwater close to the old stone bridge almost at the far end of the Andheri Road, but some distance before reaching it he turns sharp to the left, and takes us straight across this road. Some more paddy fields have then to be crossed, and we reach the famous stone wall, which was always a noted obstacle in Mr. Jack Symons' sporting Point to Point course. On our way to this wall we pass over the big bank upon which was situated a flag at the Jackal Club races three years ago, and owing to the very deep drop on one side of it, an ignorant reporter who knew nothing about cross country riding, described the position of the flag as very "dangerous and ill chosen." However, that memorable day is ancient history now. Jumping over the above mentioned wall we keep a little to the left and enjoy a rare gallop along a splendid line of ricefields at first rate speed to the foot of Jack Symons' Hill. Working round to the right of this hill the jackal's point appeared to be the Marole Hills, but taking a sharp right-handed turn we cross one of the upper reaches of the Backwater. Some people were lucky enough to find a fordable spot without much difficulty, but many others were not so fortunate. The odour thrown off from the water in this district was by no means a pleasant one, and the marshy land on either side was not as good going as might be wished. However, pushing forward in the direction of Powai Lake we arrive quite close to the Aloe Factory in this neighbourhood. A nasty barbed wire fence gives most people a considerable amount of difficulty, as a bad accident must have inevitably occurred had anybody attempted to jump it. Hounds turn fortunately to the left and carry the line along the valley and then cross and recross the Tulsi Pipe, on either side of which in this district run deep and wide nullahs, which require to be crossed with a good deal of care. Hounds then swing up a long hill, on the summit of which are the Vehar Sand Filters. Scrambling down the long stony hill on the far side we continue through some rather thick jungle, through the middle of which, however, a handy cart track came to our assistance. Galloping along this by-path with the jungle on either side of us, hounds eventually bowl the jackal over. The gallop had lasted for a full thirty-five minutes and it is wonderful what a deal of ground one can cover in this space of time when hounds are really running. The brush was given to Mrs. Beatty, and very deservedly so, as with one of the whips this lady was the first of the whole of the large field to be actually in at the death. The run had been more than enough for both horses and hounds, and it was consequently not considered advisable to draw for another jackal, especially as the sun has now obtained much greater strength by eight o'clock in the morning than was the case, say, a month or six weeks ago.

Hounds next meet on Tuesday morning at the White House. Those people who come out by the early train from Bombay to Santa Cruz are earnestly requested to come to the Meet with all possible despatch.

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BENGAL LAWN-TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 6.

This afternoon in the finals of the Bengal Lawn-Tennis Championship Singles, Atkinson defeated Laing, 6—1, 6—0, 6—2. The match was not a very interesting one, Laing, who was not in form, being out-played from the start. In the Doubles Semi-finals, Hutchinson, and Kalberer defeated Hext and Cobbold, 6—3, 3—6, 6—2, after an interesting match. The finals will be played to-morrow, when Hutchinson and Kalberer meet Atkinson and Deane; the latter are expected to win rather easily.

CALCUTTA, MARCH 7.

In the finals of the Bengal Lawn Tennis Double Championship, Atkinson and Deane beat Hutchinson and Kalberer, 7—5, 6—1 and 6—4. The losers put up a better fight than was expected, Kalberer playing a remarkably fine game.

THE SOUTH INDIAN LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, MARCH 7.

Messrs. Allan and Graham beat Leggete and Wilkinson yesterday in the Finals of the Championship Doubles. Kirwan beat Sargent in the finals of Class B Singles. Mrs. Grant and Miss Frier beat Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Peddie in the Ladies Doubles. The remaining finals will be played off to-day, after which Lady Lawley will present the Cups to the winners.

In the finals of the South Indian, Athletic Association Football Tournament at Madras, on Friday last the Dorsets, from Wellington, beat the Leicesters, from Belgaum, by 3 goals to nil. Colonel Townley, the President of the Association, presented the Cups to the winners.

THE RAJKOTE WEEK.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RAJKOTE, MARCH 6.

Everyone is looking forward with keen anticipation to the "Week" which virtually begins next Saturday, 7th. If the weather keeps as it is now, which is really quite pleasantly cool, the various people who are taking part in the tournaments will have much to be thankful for.

There is a very full programme, the length and variety of which ought to tempt many visitors. The Races occupy a large proportion of the time There are also tennis, badminton and polo tournaments, a shooting competition for ladies, several At Homes, a dance and finally a Smoking Concert I hear that a great many friends have not been able to accept the pressing invitations of the Rajkot residents, owing to heavy work in the districts, and that many of the Bombay people who have been fortunate enough to get a few days leave, have in most instances to return on Thursday—a cause of great regret to hospitable Rajkote.

The Bhavnagar and Jamnagar polo teams are already installed in their several camps, and have already had one or two practice games. From what I saw, I should say they were a fairly fast set and should give their opponents some trouble. Still it was a little hard to judge, for the dust acted as a very effective cloak to anything like definite criticism, the ball being often entirely invisible, while after a quick run and a swift turn the horses and their riders looked like phantoms through the dust fog.

As far as racing is concerned the entries for this year are said to be above the average. The young Chief of Manavadar has entered three horses amongst them "Calcutta" who did so well in Poona last year and is causing great anxiety in the minds of the Rajkote racing men,—which anxiety is increased by the advent of Mr. O'Hara from Karachi with several good horses.

A MILITARY SENSATION IN CALCUTTA.

Motor-car Fired at by a Sentry.

OCCUPANT WOUNDED.

Considerable sensation has been created by a report that a motor car had been fired upon by a sentry at Fort William and that one of the occupants had been wounded. An "Empire" reporter gives the following account of the occurrence :—

Mr. Flanagan and Mr. Stiff, both of whom are engaged by well known Calcutta firms, were in a small motor car last Sunday evening and drove from Government Place to the Fort, entering by the Plassey Gate. The sentry challenged them and heard no reply. About tens or fifteen minutes afterwards the car came back again, and when passing out of the same gate was again challenged, and the sentry did not catch any reply, so he fired. Then the car pulled up and it was found that Mr Flanagan had been shot by the Highlander. The sentry said the motorists went to the guard room, when the latter laid a complaint, stating that they did reply to the challenge. The matter was reported by the corporal of the guard to the officer and was ultimately referred to Colonel Staunton. The sentry denied getting any reply from the men in the motor and stated that he fired low with the intention of finding the wheel, causing a puncture and so bringing the car to a halt

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, MARCH 7.

Light precipitation recorded from Kashmir, but elsewhere weather is dry. Conditions still remain favourable for local rain in Assam. Very dry northerly and north-westerly winds blowing over the greater part of India. Heavy clouds appeared over a small area in Rajputana. Burma—no telegrams received from Southern Burma. In Northern Burma, skies clear, humidity in defect. Central Districts—temperature, normal. North-east India, Orissa—skies cloudy. Upper Brahmaputra Valley, clear, elsewhere humidity has decreased. Eastern Bengal and Assam is now considerably below the average. In nearly every station the temperature has risen slightly above normal in parts of Division. In the United Provinces, Central India and Central Provinces, clouds appeared. Northwest of United Provinces skies remain clear, other parts of division, air much drier than usual and temperature fallen approximately to normal. North-west India, Minimarg reports fall of snow equivalent to one inch. Rain in Sonemarg quarter, clouds decreased in Kashmir, clouds appeared south-east of the Punjab, Rajputana and parts of Gujarat. Moisture in air, considerably below average, except in Baluchistan. Temperature fallen lower than usual everywhere, except in south-east Punjab and parts of Kasmir. Peninsula—skies almost clear; humidity decreased, now in general defect, temperature, nearly normal. Forecast—Still probability of rain in Assam; few light falls of snow may occur in Kashmir.

SIMLA, MARCH 8.

Northerly winds persist over North-west India, where skies have again become clear. Low pressure conditions in North-east India are not so pronounced to-day. Winds at head of Bay have become more northerly. Burma clouds appeared in some Coast stations, but Inland-skies remain clear. North-east India, including Orissa,—clouds persist in the Upper Brahmaputra Valley, but no clouds reported in other parts of division. United Provinces, Central India, Central Provinces—clouds have disappeared from the north-west of United Provinces. Skies are now clear throughout the Division. North-east India Skies cleared in South-east Punjab, Rajputana, and Gujarat Clouds ecreased in Kashmir. Peninsula—Skies clear or lightly clouded. Forecast—Weather likely to be dry over the whole of the Indian area.

STANDARD BAROMETER READING.

The following informations published in order that the vessels in the Bombay Harbour may, by comparision with a standard instrument, ascertain the errors of their barometers.

The reading of the barometer at the Colaba observatory corrected for index error and reduced to 32° F. and for Calcutta standard at 8 a.m. (local time on the 7th March 1908 was 29·927 inches. The height of observatory barometer cistern above zero of tide gauge at Apollo Bunder is 4 feet. The height of tide in the stream above zero of the tide guge at Apollo Bunder was 5 feet at 8 a. m. (local time) The temperature correction for a mercurial barometer, supposing the reading to be 30·00 inches and that of attached thermometer 30° F. will be 14 inches, and this will be higher and lower by ·01 inch for each 4 degrees. In the case of aneroid no temperature correction required Should the height of barometer cistern, either mercurial or aneroid, above zero of tide gauge be different from 47 feet, it will read higher of lower by ·01 inch for each 11 feet. The readings given above are distinct from those given in the daily weather report to which different corrections have been applied.

BOMBAY DAILY WEATHER REPORT FOR THE 7TH MARCH, 1908.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Saturday, the 7th March giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

Punjab.—The sky is lightly or moderately clouded at Delhi and Ambala and the quantity of moisture in the air is less than usual. Winds are westerly or north-westerly at Delhi and Rawlpindi, while calms and north-easterly breezes prevail elsewhere. Day and night temperatures had been below normal.

United Provinces.—Skies are clear, while humidity is much less than usual. The direction of air movement is westerly or south-westerly at Cawnpore, Allahabad and Agra and north-westerly at Manipuri and Jhansi. Day temperature had been 2° cooler than usual at Agra and 2° to 5° warmer elsewhere. During night, temperature was about normal or 1° to 3° cooler throughout the district.

Sind and Rajputana.—The sky is overcast at Ajmer and lightly clouded at Jaipur. Humidity is below normal both in Sind and Rajputana. Winds are north-easterly at Jaipur, while calms and north-westerly winds prevail elsewhere. Both maximum and minimum temperatures had been below normal in most places.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are clear or only lightly or moderately clouded, while the air contains less than the usual amount of moisture. The direction of air movement is north-easterly at Indore, Deesa and Rajkot and generally northerly elsewhere. Weather both at day and night had been cooler than usual in most places.

Central Provinces.—Skies are clear and the quantity of moisture in the air is above normal at Raipur and generally below it elsewhere. Winds are blowing from easterly or north-easterly direction at Jubbulpore, Saugor, Nagpur and Chanda and from westerly or north-westerly direction elsewhere. Weather both during the day and night time had been hotter than usual in most places.

Konkan.—Skies are free from cloud, while the air has become slightly damper at Karwar and more or less dry elsewhere. Calms and northerly winds prevail generally. Temperature both during day and night differed but slightly from normal.

Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Skies are clear and the air is damper than usual at Hyderabad and generally drier everywhere else. Winds are southerly at Aurangabad, while calms and north-westerly breezes prevail elsewhere. The variation of both day and night temperatures had been small.

General Remarks.—Moderate to fresh westerly or north-westerly winds are likely to prevail along the Konkan Coast.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorologist, Bombay.

FIRST SPINNING & WEAVING INDUSTRY IN SIND.

The Foundation Stone Ceremony of the "United Sind Spinning & Weaving Mills, Ltd." promoted by Messrs. Pathare & Co. of 4, Apollo Street, Bombay to be started at Ganjo Takar near Kali Temple came off on Saturday the 22nd February under the Presidentship of the Collector of Hyderabad Mr. Pratt, I. C. S. About 400 gentlemen were present. Diwan Khusiram, a leading pleader of the Hyderabad Bar, opened the proceeding of the day by a short speech in Sindhi dwelling on the necessity of local industries being supported for the well being of the province of Sind and exhorted the public to forget petty jealousies and come forward to lend their hearty support to the good cause in hand. He said that the Company had made rapid progress in the matter of collecting shares and during the course of about 4 months' time over Rs. 7,50,000 had already been subscribed and applications worth about Rs. 3,50,000 were pending receipt of Deposit Money Diwan Khushiram added that apart from the other advantages which were manifest and too many to enumerate which Sind was likely to derive from such an industry, thousands of labourers and others would get an easy livelihood in the Mill. The province is not for the production of well-known Egyptian and Sind cotton which is at present exported to other countries. The supply of raw materials being at all times available and ready at hand, large profits might be expected and Sind which is at present ranked the most backward and benighted Province in India would be considered the foremost. The Collector then laid the foundation stone of Mill premises amidst hearty cheers of the audience. He also wished the Company, good luck and success and promised reasonable facilities; hoping that by the time he returned from the Districts, the foundation of the Mill premises would be completely laid and that many people would be induced to apply for plots on the Ganjo Takar thus removing the general cry of congestion of the Townspeople.

After the performance of the ceremony attar, pan and sweets were distributed and a photo taken. Light refreshments and tea and coffee were also served. The assembly then dispersed with cheers and good wishes to the promoters of the Company.

SIR ROBERT HART AND HIS DECORATIONS.

A Remarkable List.

On February 20, Sir Robert Hart entered upon his seventy-fourth year, having been born in County Armagh in 1835. Since his last birthday he has received three additional orders of chivalry—to wit, "First Class, Order of the Rising Sun," sent to him by the Emperor of Japan, and the "Grand Cross of the Order of the Dragon of Annam," conferred upon him by the President of the French Republic, whilst the King of Italy has decorated him with the "Grand Cordon, Order of the Crown of Italy." This is the second time Sir Robert has received the Order of the Crown of Italy, the late King Humbert having created him a Grand Officer of the same in 1884. This distinguished Order was founded in 1868, and consists of five classes. The first class is limited to 60 members, the second to 150, the third to 500, the fourth to 2,000, and as for simple chevaliers, who form the fifth class, their number is unlimited. Insignia, a white enamelled cross, the four arms of which are connected by lace of gold; the centre of the cross is adorned with the iron crown. Ribbon, crimson-watered silk with a large white stripe.

Sir Robert Hart is one of the few British subjects possessing the coveted and illustrious Order of Christ of Portugal, King Dom Luis, the grandfather of the present youthful Monarch, having made him a Knight Grand Cross of the order in 1868 in recognition of his services in connection with the Chino-Portuguese Convention anent Macao, the Portuguese possession near Canton Sir Robert conducted the Macao, negotiations on behalf of China, while Portugal was represented by the brilliant Senhor H. de Barros Gomez, who held the portfolio for Foreign Affairs in Senhor Luciano de Castro's Administration. The order of Christ of Portugal is one of the oldest decorations in Europe, having been founded in 1319, exactly thirty years before the English order of the Garter. It consists of three classes, limited to six members of the first and 450 of the second; the number of the members of the third class is unlimited Insignia, a red enamelled cross with gold arms, in the centre of which is inserted a narrow white enamelled cross the whole is surmounted for the members of the two first classes with an octagonal star of gold and white enamel, in the centre of which is represented in red enamel the holy heart of Christ, encircled with a wreath of green enamelled leaves. Ribbon, crimson watered silk. The State robes consist of a white mantle fastened by means of a long silken cord tied in the shape of a rosette. The star of the Order is embroid red on the left side of the mantle. A red cap, sword, Morocco boots, and golden spurs complete the costume, in which members of the Order are generally buried.

King Leopold of Belgium has bestowed the Order of Leopold three times upon Sir Robert Hart, having made him a Commander of the Order in 1869, a Grand Officer in 1893, and having given him the Grand Cordon in 1906. This Order was founded in 1832, and consists of five classes—first, grands-cordons; second, grands-officers; third, commanders; fourth, officers; fifth chevaliers. Insignia, a white enamelled cross, with a wreath of laurel and oak leaf between each of the four branches; one side of it bears in the centre a black enamelled scutcheon, surrounded with a red circle between two small golden circles; on that scutcheon is inscribed the King's monogram in gold, and composed of two L L. and two R.R. intertwined, and on the other side, on a black enamelled scutcheon, the Belgian lion in gold: round the scutcheon is a red enamelled rim; on which is inscribed in gold letters the motto of the kingdom, "L'union fait la force." The cross is surmounted by the Royal crown. The jewel is on silver for chevaliers, and for all other classes it is on gold. The star of the Order is worn by grands-cordons and grands-officers only. Ribbon, crimson-watered silk. This order is the same for civilians as for the military, with the exception that for the latter two crossed swords are added as supporters under the crown.

The Emperor of Austria has twice honoured Sir Robert with the Order of Francis Joseph of Austria—in 1870, when his Majesty made him a Knight Commander of it, and in 1873 he was created a Knight Grand Cross. The Order of Francis Joseph was founded by the present Monarch in 1849, just a year after he ascended the Throne. It consists of three classes, number unlimited. Insignia, a red enamelled cross of gold, the angels of the branches of which are curved, the cross is convex between its four arms is perceived the two-headed crowned eagle in gold, partly enamelled with blacks and holding in his two beaks a golden chain, in the lower links of which is inserted the motto "Viribus unitis"—strength by unity. Ribbon, deep red.

From France Sir Robert has on two occasions received the well-known Legion of Honour. Marshal MacMahon created him a Commander of the Order in 1878, and in 1885 President Grevy made him a "Grand Officer" of the same because of his services in bringing the Franco-Chinese war of 1884-5 to a close. The Legion of Honour was founded in 1802, and consists of five classes—fifth, chevaliers, whose number is unlimited; fourth, officers, limited to 4,000; third, commanders, limited to 1,000; second, grands officiers, limited to 200; first, grands croix, limited to 80. This Order was founded as a reward for civil merit or military valour. Insignia a star with five double-pointed branches, surmounted by a wreath of oak and laurel leaves; round the centre of the star are entwined branches of oak and laurel; the obverse side of the star bears in its centre the effigy of the Republic; in a small rim round this centre, and encircled between two smaller golden rims, is the following inscription:—"Republique Francaise (1870)"; the reverse side represents two tricolour flags, with the motto of the Order, "Honneur and patrie"—honour and country. This star is of silver for chevaliers and of gold for all other ranks. This Order is frequently conferred upon foreigners, but foreign members have not their names inscribed upon the official rolls, nor do they receive letters patent, but simply letters of advice. Ribbon, crimson-wanted silk.

Sir Robert also possesses the Order of Orange Nassau, Holland, the Queen-mother of the Netherlands having made him a Knight Grand Cross of this Order in 1897, and the late King Oscar II. of Norway and Sweden sent him two decorations. First his Majesty made him a Chevalier of the Order of Vasa in 1870. This Order was founded in 1776, and consists of four classes, number unlimited. Insignia, an oval gold escutcheon in the white enamelled centre of which is displayed the crest of Vasa in gold, this centre is encircled with a red enamel ring bearing the following inscription:—"Gustaf den Tredie instituere MDCCLXXII." (Gustav III. instituted 1772). Ribbon, green-watered silk. On State occasions the Order is worn with a gold chain, the links of which represent alternately gold sheaves and shields, with the Swedish arms surrounded by the attributes of commerce, the arts and agriculture, and the arms of Holstein in enamel and gold. The State robes are the national costume, in green velvet mantle lined with white satin breeches, with a green velvet mantle lined with white satin. Recently his Majesty in 1891 created Sir Robert a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Polar Star of Norway. The foundation of this older is uncertain, but it was revised exactly 160 years ago. It consists of four classes, number unlimited, and is destined to reward civil merit Insignia, an octagonal gold white-enamelled cross, with gold crowns in the four angles; the cross is surmounted by a Royal golden crown the blue enamelled centre of the cross represents golden star—the Polar Star—round which is inscribed the motto of the order. Nescit occasum it never sets, ribbon, black. The State robes are of crimson velvet and the breeches of white satin. The collar is composed of a double chain of gold, between which are alternately fixed a gold and white enamel, and surmounted by the Royal crown in gold.

In the year 1900, should after the siege of the Peking Legation by the Boxers, the German Emperor bestowed the Order of the Crown First Class, Prussia, upon Sir Robert.

Sir Robert Hart is also, his Protestantism notwithstanding, by direct gift of the late Pope Leo XIII., a Commander of the Papal Order of Pius IX, which honour he received in 1885. This rare Order was founded in 1847, the year after Pius IX, was elected Pope. It consist of two classes; and its members are limited in number. Insignia an hexagonal blue enamelled star, the obverse white-enamelled centre of which is inscribed with the words "Pius IX." in gold; in the gold ring round it is displayed the motto "Virtuti et merito" (for virtue and merit). The reverse white-enamelled centre, equally encircled with gold, contains the following inscription:—"Anno MDCCCXLVII." Ribbon, dark blue, with two crimson stripes on each side. This and the Order of Saint Sylvester, which was formerly known under the name of "Order of the Golden Spur," are the only two Papal Orders for which special costumes exist.

In addition to creating Sir Robert Hart a Baronet, her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, conferred the three classes of the most distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George upon him—the C.M.G. in 1879, the K.C.M.G. in 1882, and the G.C.M.G. in 1889. This Order was founded in 1818, and its motto is "Auspicium melioris aevi" (a pledge of better times). Ribbon, Saxon blue with a scarlet stripe

And America has presented him with several medals of Republican appreciation.

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BY THE WAY.

REVERIE AND CONSOLATION.

When the shouting and the tumult die, when constables and cads depart, there is gladness in reflection. An American lady who was of the party recognises an international crisis happily over-passed. "Had I been arrested, it must have led to a diplomatic rupture," she says. Another of the victims treasures a more personal joy, while the conflict raged she pinched a juvenile rioter. 'And that boy," she exultingly reflects, "will some day be a man." Man never is, but always To be blessed, and in the future lies also women's hope. A daughter of the member, a young lady of spirit, pleads guilty to having desired, in the time of trial to commit a breach of the peace. She yearned, with all the ardour of the sincere enthusiast, to "slap a policeman" that ambition has not to this hour abated. If one large policeman, girt about with sackcloth, and with ashes in his hair and beard, would submit, in expiation of his fellows' sins, to many slaps from that fair hand, all might, even now, be forgiven.

TOIL AND TRIBULATION.

The Church Discipline debate suggests a condition of discontent and perplexity similar to that in which the Lincoln case found the various parties in the Church. For close upon two centuries there had been no such trial as Archbishop Benson was asked to conduct. The Archbishop was torn with doubts. If he disclaimed jurisdiction, the Church Association could apply for a mandamus compelling him to try the case; if he tried it offhand, his decision might be appealed against and reversed. And whatever the issue, he found something opposed to religion in the party spirit which made these things a battle-cry." Lord Selborne privately advised him, the more glaringly because, as he said, this gave him a good excuse, in the event of the Archbishop's being appealed against, for not sitting on the Judicial Committee. Gladstone, who was against the trial, suggested a course which the Primate was able to convince him was unsafe. As for the Bishop of Lincoln, "holy man that he is," wrote the Archbishop, he, according to the latter, held that he extended liberty by breaking the law. "Very sad," was the Primate's diary comment.

PROPHECIES UNFULFILLED.

No wonder that in his fanciful, merry way the good Archbishop gave utterance to lugubrious prophecies concerning his own fate and that of the Church. While the trial was pending he spoke with vehemence, his biographer tells us, of the part he would play if the Church were disestablished. "I shall head a revolt," he cried, "seize the principal agitators, and hang them at Lambeth out of the windows." He had not Mr. Masterman in mind, be it noted, when he added, "I know whom I shall begin with," for the amendment had not then been drawn, nor its creator liberated from school. But on reflection the Archbishop came to sportively melancholy conclusion: "I daresay it will be the other way! I often have a vision of being hung in the road by Lollard's Tower—ever since a man whom I passed there shook his fist at me and said, 'Yah!'"

RECRUITING BY WRESTLING.

Should he by any chance need more men than he is now taking against the Afridis, Sir James Willcocks might do worse than summon to his aid another Captain H. R. Holmes, the man who raised the 36th Sikhs, who so distinguished themselves in the Tirah campaign. Entrusted, in company with Colonel Cook, with the formation of the corps, he experienced great difficulty in getting men. So he took within a few Sikhs, and set off for the Loodiana district, a fruitful ground for recruiting. There were the men: the question was, how to induce them to enlist? His method was a novel one. On entering a village he issued a challenge to all the local wrestler to compete with him or his men. The terms he imposed were that if the locals lost their bouts they should join the new regiment. This appeal to their sporting instinct could not be resisted. They took up the challenge with alacrity. Some of them won, but the majority were enrolled, and in the course of a few months from one of the finest batches of infantry that ever served under the British colours.

THE FREE MAN.

There must be many men in the House of Commons who envy the Hon. C. H. Strutt, who has been telling his old constituents in the Maldon division of Essex that, since quitting Parliament, he has been a "freer, happier, healthier man." It would never do for a member to admit to his constituents that he craves a similar freedom, or they might soon insist upon his taking it. The fact is that from the youngest member to the oldest Parliamentary hand the all love the Parliamentary life too well to quit it, yet hate the boredom, the fatigue and anxiety which it entails. Gladstone at the height of his power, when the House met on a Thursday in February, would say as it rose on the Friday night, "Thank God! there is one week of the Session over!" And one of his colleagues on the Treasurry Bench answered, "It is wishing one's life shorter by six months; but does one not wish on this, the first night of the Session, that it were the last!" But not all the king's horses and all the king's men could have induced either statesman to yield up his place.

SOMETHING LIKE LEATHER.

If manufacturers in general hold the views which one firm is said by the solicitor who represented them in court to hold, we shall soon have a "What re boots?" problem for the courts to decide. Articles sold as boots were shown to have warranted through the first time they were put on, and the defending solicitor protested that their wearers must have been playing hop-scotch or marbles! If such unconscionable violence as that is practiced while boots are worn, of course we must look out for tarrets and breakages. These children seem to have been as little mindful of the nature of their understanding as the choleric M.F.H. who raged into the shop of his shoemaker, complaining that his new riding boots have split to pieces at the first time of trial. "I only walked down to the stables on them and here you see the result!" he said, flinging down the remnants. "Walked to the stables, did you? said the cobbler. "Well, if you walked to the stables, what could you expect the boots to do? I made them for riding, not walking!"

THE MAN AND HIS BARGAIN.

It is not surprising that after the boom in salaries for operatic singers there should come a reaction. There is a limit beyond which even American impresarios cannot safely go. Lightheartedly as the strong man enters into an agreement with a "star" whom he has to prevent from going to his rival, he lives to learn that he can pay too dearly for his monopoly. His theatre can return him only so much money, and the sum available does not suffice to meet the salaries which he has undertaken to pay. Failure has come again. You read the story of Colonel Mapleson's amazing adventures, and think that such a thing could not be repeated, when lo, in your daily paper you find a precisely similar struggle in progress in New York this winter. The big men appear to have bid too high in their endeavour to "corner" the world's singing birds; and they are paying the penalty. It is illogical to blame the artistes. They exist to sing and to be paid for singing. If the impresarios offer them preposterous fees, or agree to the monstrous terms which some of them impose, then disaster is invited, and will come.

FORTUNE AND FAILURE.

It was often touch-and-go with Colonel Mapleson; after paying Patti and the rest, he found either a deficiency, or at best but a few pounds remaining for himself. He had at times to borrow money to pay Patti the thousand pounds a night, without which sum in advance she would not sing. Robert Grau, one of her rivals, was not discouraged by the Mapleson experiences. Music was lottery to him. He confessed, I have never discovered an opera; I am not musician enough for that. It is all cold business to me. As to the vocalists; his plan was, as he said to show them the difference between singing for £400 a year at home and for £5,000 year in America. He had never discovered a voice; he merely took up somebody else's discovery.

THE BRITISH POSITION IN PERSIA.

"Lord Curzon writes to the "Times":—Sir,—I have no desire to renew in your columns the debate on the Anglo-Russian Convention, which has already occupied three days of Parliamentary time, being quite content with the impression which that debate cannot fail to have produced. But there is one question of fact which ought in fairness to be set right before the controversy is closed.

It was one of the main arguments on behalf of the treaty that during the past 20 years there has been a great change in the respective positions of Russia and Great Britain in Persia, that Great Britain by her apathy has practically brought about the detriment of surrender of her own interests, and that the results of 100 years of British diplomacy have been confined to the Imperial Bank of Persia, the Karun River concession, and various loads in connexion therewith (the Indo-European telegraphs and a British trade still amounting to 3½ millions per annum being conveniently ignored). Per "contra" great stress was laid on the evidences of recent Russian activity in respect of railways, roads, steamers, telegraphs, and Consuls which were held to justify the concessions so lavishly granted to her in the new Agreement.

This picture renders so little justice to the efforts that have been made in recent years to strengthen and promote British interests in Central and Southern Persia, and gives such an erroneous impression of the relative positions of the two Powers at the time that the treaty was concluded, that I ask your permission to state the facts, which are not, I think, widely known.

For many years past neither the British nor the Indian Government has contested the Russian ascendency in the north of Persia, an ascendency which was backed both by geographical and military conditions. With all the more energy, therefore, was the consolidation of the British position in the centre and south pursued, particularly by the Indian Government, as possessing the greater stake in those areas, with results that are in remarkable contrast to the alleged inactivity of this country.

In 1899 there were only six British officers holding permanent Consular appointments in Persia. During the succeeding six years additional Consuls were appointed to Seistan, Kerman, Bandar Abbas, Shiraz, Mohommerah, and Vice-Consuls at Ahwas, Kermanshah, Bam, Bushire. Consular buildings were erected or acquired at the majority of the above-named places. Military officers were attached to the British establishment at Meshed and Teheran; and mounted escort were provided for every British Consulate in Persia. The Russian Government, in spite of its political influence at Teheran, did not enjoy a monopoly even of loans. The Government of India in 1903 made a loan of £300,000 to the Persian Government, as mentioned in the debate, and offered, for an adequate return to Indian interests, to increase the loan to £1,000,000. Two special missions were despatched to Persia, one from England the other from India, to investigate fresh openings for British or Indian trade. A monopoly of the Persian oilfields was granted to a British subject. The concessions for the navigation of the Karun River and the construction of roads (1) from Ahwaz to Ispahan, (2) from Ispahan to Teheran, (3) from Burujird to Ispahan, were consolidated in the hands of a British Company, assisted by financial support from the home and Indian Governments. In the Gulf great improvements were made in the postal and telegraphic services, and in the mail service subsidized by the Government of India; and a staff of Indian Medical officers relieved the Persian Government of the onerous task of guarding against plague in the principal ports. During this period the annual expenditure of the British Government upon Persia amounted to over £15,000, that of the Indian Government to nearly £70,000. I venture to assert that at no time during the past 50 years have the evidences of British activity in Persia been either more conspicuous or more fruitful.

In the light of these efforts it is a little hard to be told that we must now suffer permanently for our own supineness. But it is still harder to find that whereas similar and certainly not superior considerations are held to justify the "maximum" concessions to Russia in the north, these facts have not been thought good enough to procure even the car-marking as a British sphere of the tracts of Persia in the centre and south to which they applied. Not a single supporter of the treaty has ever faced the point why those regions, which ought, according to every argument employed, to have constituted the British sphere, have instead been converted into a neutral zone. That is the chief sacrifice of the Persian part of the Convention.

Viewing the position in which the greater part of the interests which I have described will in future be placed—either in the neutral sphere, where they will enjoy none of the special advantages to which they are entitled, or in the Russian sphere, where they will suffer every disadvantage—I remarked in the House of Lords that "we have thrown away to a large extent the efforts of our diplomacy and of our trade for more than a century." The Foreign Secretary was kind enough to quote this phrase in the House of Commons (omitting the qualification) and to describe it as sheer rhetoric. I only wish in the public interest that it were. I shall be quite content to incur the charge when it has been demonstrated by the results. We are invited to look to the future for the good effects of the treaty. Perhaps the same unerring test may not be inapplicable to the bad.—I am, Sir, yours obediently.

CURZON.

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THE steamer Alcana, 2,311 tons, Captain D Morgan, sailed on Sunday for Calcutta, in ballast.

THE steamer Gangia, 2,720 tons, Captain T A Page, arrived in harbour on Friday from Calcutta with a cargo of coal.

THE steamer Singu, 1,912 tons, Captain G W Currie, arrived in harbour on Saturday from Rangoon with a cargo of bulk oil.

THE Asiatic S N Co's steamer Nawab, 2,041 tons, Captain G F Elliott, sailed on Sunday for Calcutta &c, with a general cargo and 4 deck passengers.

THE B and P S N Co's steamer Naseri, 911 tons, Captain G Leimere, sailed on Saturday for Persian Gulf &c, with a general cargo and 80 deck passengers.

THE Hansa Line steamer Axenfels, 2,759 tons, Captain G Streuping, arrived in harbour on Saturday from Hamburg, with a general cargo and 1 deck passenger.

THE F Rubattino S N Co's steamer R Rubattino 2,682 tons, Captain L Mancine, arrived in harbour on Friday from Genoa with a general cargo and passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Santhea 3,853 tons, Captain R F Thomson, which arrived in Bombay harbour on Friday from Rangoon &c, brought a general cargo.

THE steamer Terrier 1,008 tons captain H Nelson arrived in harbour on the 8th instant from Singapore with a cargo of timber.

THE steamer President, 2,086 tons captain M Muhl baner arrived in harbour on Sunday from Durban with a general cargo and coal and 258 deck passengers.

THE R I M S Dufferin, 3 966 tons, Captain T A De Beery, R I M arrived in Bombay harbour on Sunday from Madras with Government stores and the following passengers:—Mrs Neville, Sub Conductor Gilteman and child, Sergt Walsh and wife and 5 deck.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Linga 943 tons, Captain H McDiarmed arrived in harbour on the 7th instant from Karachi with a general cargo and passengers:—Col Southey, Lieut Lucas, Capt and Mrs MacPherson, Mr E Comber, Miss Martin General Capper, Col Hale, Mr Jenkyns, Capt Tarkington, Mr Sale, Mrs Miller, Mrs Seager, Mr and Mrs Ellcott, and 150 deck.

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PRINCE'S DOCK.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
A Castello	2238	Runton	Hull	11-2	P Muir & Co
B Havraise	3540	Lemaine	Havre	25-2	K Nixon & Co
F Clan Macdougall	2975	Sterling	Antwerp	21-2	P Muir & Co
J de Nordo	4186	Powell	London	28-2	P & O Co
N Adalia	3481	Hanusford	Kobi Newport	14-3	K N & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

2 Circassia	4315	Hair	Liverpool	18-3	W & A G & Co
Levanzo	2882	Bonito	Shanghai	17-2	P & S N Co
5 Magdala	3134	Lemaid	Hull	14-3	W & A G & Co
6 Xanthia	3353	Thomson		N F	M & Co
10 411 City of Calcutta	4785	Wilson	Bunrah	10-3	K Nixon & Co
12 Arabia	4167	Leich	London	14-3	P & O Co
15 Wakamiya Mari	3437	Yamawaki	Kobe	11-3	N Y Kaisha

ARRIVALS.

Mar.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
6	R Rubattino's	Mancini	Genoa, Feb 18
	Ganges	Page	Calcutta, Feb 23
7	R I M S Dufferin	de Berry	Madras, Mar 2
	Singu	Currie	Rangoon, Feb 25
	Axenfels	Struping	Hamburg, Feb 1
	Linga	McDiarmid	Karachi, Mar 6
8	President	Muhlbaner	Durban, Feb 16
	Terrier	Nelson	Singapore, Feb 10
	Devanha	Hide	Shanghai, Feb 18

DEPARTURES.

Mar.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
7	Harlyn	Bird	Baltimore
	Ahmadi	Hughes	Jedah
	Shah Allum	Davison	Mauritius
	R V S Highflyer	Hickley	Persian Gulf
	Caledonia	Peters	Aden
	Nasseri	Leimere	Persian Gulf, &c
8	Alcana	Morgan	Calcutta
	Nawab	Elliott	Calcutta, &c

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FOR LONDON.

Arabia s—132 cwt, condiments Manockji Poonjaji and sons; 15 bales carpets, S Magji, 18 cwt fishmaws K N Miani and Co; 150 cwt myrabollams A Khimji; 104 cwt horns J M Rahimtoola, 104 cwt horns G Suchidas; 660 cwt myrabollams E Oomersey.

FOR GLASGOW.

Circassia s—3,500 cwts myrabollams G Madhowji and Co.

FOR MANCHESTER.

Circassia s—44 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR HULL.

Magdala s—400 cwt dill seed Bener and Krause; 4,746 cwt myrabollams E Oomersey; 80 bales hemp, J N Kapadia and Co; 66 bales hemp, P Bhimji.

Castello s—6,500 cwt cottonseed, Ralli Bros.

FOR HAVRE.

Havraise s— 6,003 cwt ginnallyseed, and 2,000 cwt linseed E D Sassoon and Co; 4,017 cwt linseed Ralli Bros; 1000 cwt linseed, and 2,000 ginnallyseed, Volkart Bros; 1,050 cwt myrabollams A Khimji; 1,600 cwt myrabolls MW Becher, 80 bales hemp T Purshotam and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Circassia s—4,000 cwt linseed Volkart Bros.

FOR BARCELONA.

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FOR ANTWERP.

Clan Cumming s—2,000 cwt mowra seed, J Fakhri.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Clan Macdougal s—1,000 tons manganese ore Killick Nixon and Co,

FOR GENOA.

Havraise s—24 bales hemp, J N Kapadia and Co; 2,000 cwt linseed and 2,000 cwt castor seed Shaw Wallace and Co; 200 bales cotton, Dinshaw and Co; 2,994 cwt linseed, J Fachiri; 1,000 cwt linseed Killick Nixon and Co, 100 bales cotton The New Mofussil Co,

FOR HONGKONG.

Levanzo s—1,000 bales twist C Ebrahim and Co;

Wakamiya Maru s—52 cwt sharkfins and Fishmaws H

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

RESEARCH BY SIMPLE MEANS.

The astronomical amateur has been defined by Professor G. E. Hale as the man who works at astronomy because he cannot help it, who would rather do such work than anything else, and who is unhampered by traditions and undaunted by difficulties. In the admirable lecture at the Royal Astronomical Society, at which lecture the members of the daughter society (British Astronomical) were invited to be present—a lecture published in the November Monthly Notices—Professor Hale discusses the various opportunities for astronomical work with inexpensive apparatus which are open to men whose means are not large. There is a feeling abroad, among those who would like nothing better than to be engaged in work for their favourite science which may be of real use, that every kind of work in astronomy in these days demands expensive equipment as an inevitable preliminary. If this were so it would be a serious matter indeed. And Professor Hale goes so far as to say that if it were really the case it would not be in the long run worthwhile to continue to establish and to equip costly observatories, if men who are capable of doing valuable work are thereby deterred from persisting in their work or from entering upon new fields of research. The slides shown emphasised a fact not always realised by amateurs; that for certain classes of work the smaller telescopes have a real advantage over their giant brethren. Results have been obtained, for instance, with a cheap "lantern lens" belonging to an ordinary stereopticon which are better than those obtained by a larger instrument; and work done by a 2ft. reflector of 8ft. focal length has rivalled that of the great 40in. Yerkes telescope. The Major portion of the lecture was devoted to what can with small means be done in solar research. But at the close the lecturer also indicated how much stellar spectroscopy would benefit by the intelligent planning of observation which can be undertaken with small instruments. Anyone who possesses a small instrument with a micrometer can do good work at observing wide double stars. But it is not even necessary to possess a telescope at all. Quite apart from naked-eye discovery, such as that of "Nova Persei" by Anderson, a man may "still work in his laboratory and make important contributions by identifying lines and bands in spot spectra ... or by researches in a score of other fields."

TO REACH THE POLE.

Dr. Nansen's recent lecture to the Royal Geographical Society on North Polar problems, published in the December number of the "Geographical Journal," contains some valuable suggestions in connexion with the methods of North Polar exploration of the future. One is naturally curious to learn what view is taken by such a famous explorer as to the possibility of reaching the long sought for goal by means of balloons or airships. He does not think that the mysterious veil will be lifted by such means and advises adventurers to confine their aeronautical rambles to parts of the globe where a failure involve less risk, and where failing machinery can be more readily mended. The observations they could make, even if they reached the Pole, would be of but limited interest, for they would be mainly meteorological. And even if the weather were clear, and the surface of the sea not hidden by fogs, they could not give any information of value about the nature of the regions tranversed. No result commensurate with the time, the money, and the energy spent can be obtained even by sledge expeditions equipped as they have been in the past. The best kind of oceanographical work can, however, be carried out by sledge-parties, and much might be learned by exact measurements of the flat ice and hummocks. In many other respects our defective knowledge might be largely supplemented. As for submarines for North Polar purposes, they must still remain in the land of fancy so delightfully familiar to us in the pages of Jules Verne. The idea was that they might dive under the ice and come up in the open water-channels and lanes. Dr. Nansen sees no difficulty in their finding enough open water to come up in. The danger would rest in the diving low enough to escape running into the sides of the great hummocks. To avoid this they might have to go to depths of from 180ft. to 240ft., and for the present any rate, this necessity puts the submarine out of court. The Russian idea of ice-breakers such as were used on Lake Baikal and in the Baltic does not seem to Dr. Nansen to be feasible. Admiral Makaroff's "Yermak" made little or no impression against the really heavy North Polar ice. A pet idea of Dr. Nansen's is to utilise the drift of the polar currents. A vessel entering the ice about 160deg. W. longitude would in five years be carried across the unknown polar regions far north of the track of the "Fram," and would emerge somewhere near the north-east coast of Greenland. This has been practically proved by the adventures of specially constructed casks allowed to drift in this way.

PHOBOS.

The Laputans, on the indisputable authority of Lemuel Gulliver, were aware that Mars has two satellites revolving about it. The innermost is distant from the primary exactly three of its diameters, and the outermost five. The former revolves in the space of ten hours, and the latter in twenty-one and a half, so that the squares of their periodic times are very nearly in the same proportion as the cubes of their distances from the centre of Mars. As Swift knew nothing of mysteries of mathematics it is very likely that he was supplied with the figures he gives with such artful simplicity. It is needless to remind the reader that Mars was endowed with these satellites in accordance with one of Kepler's well-known laws, but that their real existence was as yet suspected only from the interpretation placed by Kepler himself on Galileo's views as to the assated, or, as the Italian astronomer called it, the "triple form" of Saturn. And a certain young gentleman of promising parts, named Hieromegus, in the comic romance of that title written by M. de Voltaire, tells us that, when coasting along the planet Mars he described two moons subservient to that orb which, he continues, have hitherto escaped the observation of all astronomers. But Voltaire almost certainly must have had the witty Irish Dean in his mind while penning his lines, for a few pages later he alludes to the innocent habit of that divine in calling a spade a spade when he chose. However that may be, it was not until 1877 that Asaph Hall, who, alas! is now numbered with the great majority, found the object known as Deimos. On the next evening, to his astonishment, he further observed quite a company of moonlings, which ultimately resolved themselves into the rapidly moving Phobos. Were we suddenly translated to the surface of Mars we would see the latter rise in the west, set in the east and culminate three, or even four, times daily. Mr. C. T. Whitmell, in a note on Phobos contributed to the current Journal of the British Astronomical Association, draws attention to a peculiarity which he thinks has not as yet been noticed. To an observer on our equator the transit of the centre of the moon along the sun's diameter seems to be much longer than to an observer whose fortune it is to be stationed at the earth's centre. To a Martian the phenomenon would be reversed in the case of Phobos.

SHELLEY'S "MORNING STAR."

To the Martian the transit lasts about seven seconds longer if viewed from the centre of the planet than if observed from its equator. In the case of Deimos, which behaves in a normal manner, rising east and setting west, the difference is of some four seconds longer for an observer on the equator than for another at the centre. The eccentric behaviour of Phobos is due to its orbital angular velocity about the primary being greater than the angular velocity of the axis of the planet. For the Moon and the Earth, and for Deimos and Mars, the contrary is the case. Hence, as Mr. Whitmell points out, it might be supposed that a central zenithal occultation of a star by Phobos seen from the equator of Mars would seem shorter than if viewed from the centre of the planet. This is by no means the case. There is a difference of roughly two seconds' prolongation in favour of the equatorial observer. In the discussion that ensued on the reading of the paper, Mr. Crommelin referred to the fact that owing to Phobos being so near to its primary, and moving as it does in the plane of the equator, the satellite is never seen at the pole of Mars. Also when rising or setting it is much nearer to its zenith. Some folk believe that the Moon looks larger when rising or setting, though it really looks smaller, and in any case the difference is very slight. But in the case of Phobos the difference is not negligible. Another peculiarity was pointed out. According to the Laplacian hypothesis no "month" can be shorter than the corresponding day. To this Phobos is an exception. It completes three revolutions and begins a fourth while Mars is revolving but once on its axis. A similar instance is the speed of the Saturnian ring system. Its meteoric constituents complete the circle in five or six hours, as compared with the ten and a half hours required for an axial rotation of Saturn itself. Mr. Crommelin also noted that in some annular eclipses of the Sun, when the eclipse is central in the middle of the day it would last longer than in the morning or evening, while in other cases the duration is shorter. The abnormal behaviour of Phobos was at one time explained to the friction of Martian solar tides. But all explanations so far have not stood the test of investigation. Mr. Lynn made an ingenious suggestions that perhaps Shelley was thinking of Phobos when he speaks, in "The Revolt of Islam," of rising from sleep and watching the Morning Star.

. . . till by the Sun made pale, it sank
Under the billows of the heaving sea.

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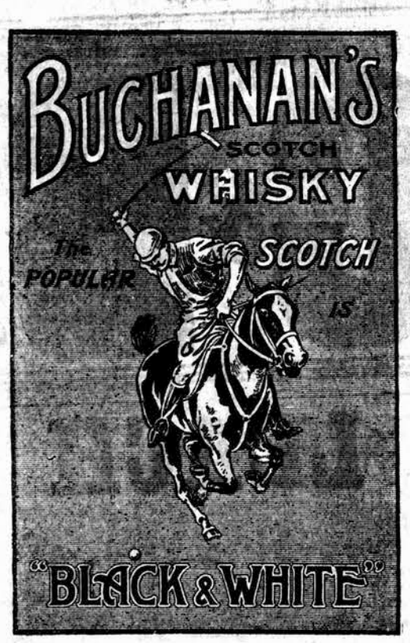

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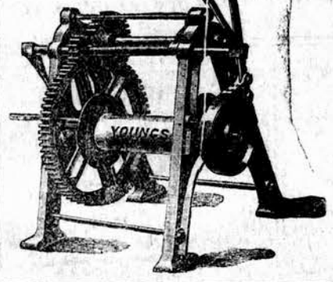

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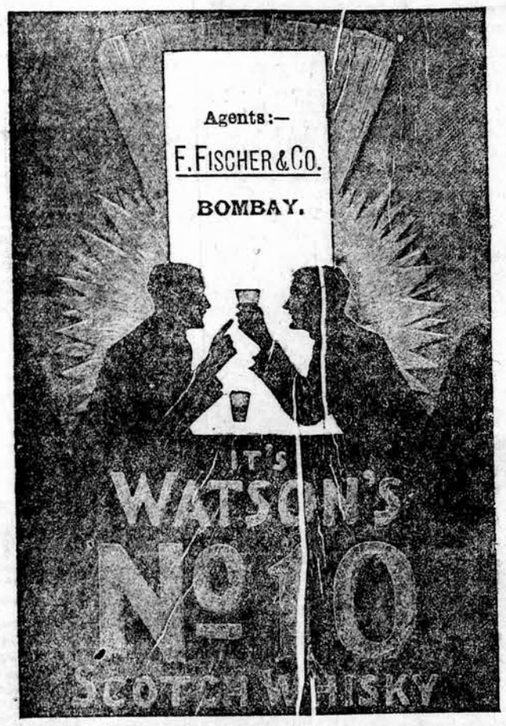

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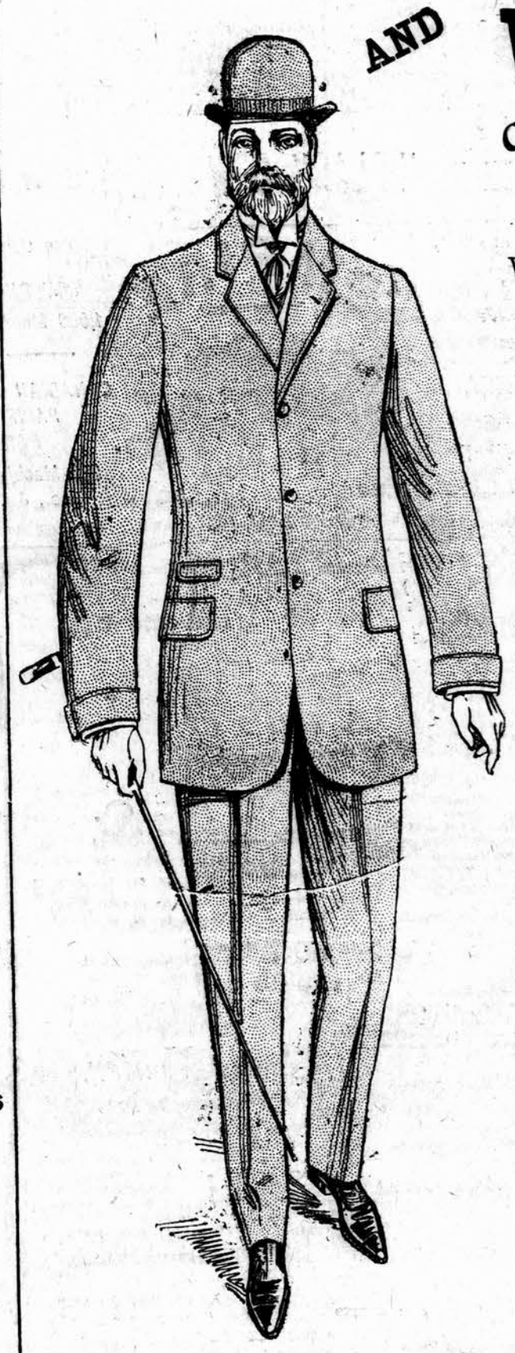

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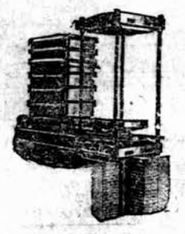

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